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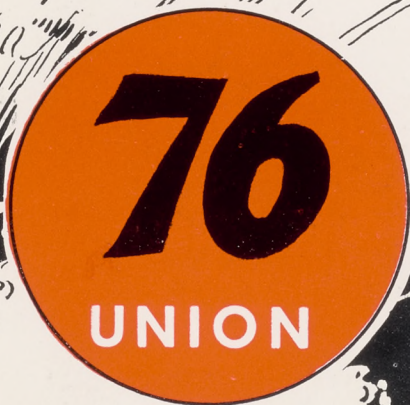
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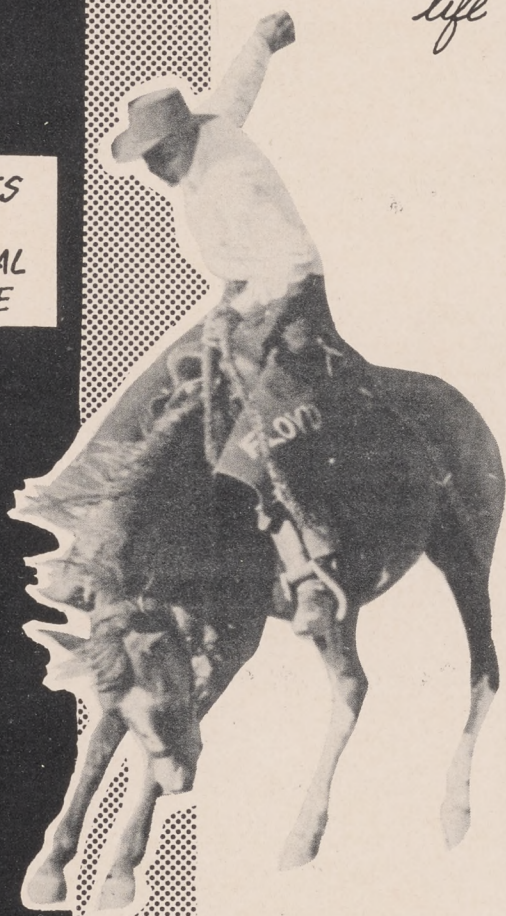
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Cover Picture

Art Rogers, veteran Los Angeles Times photographer, caught a lot of human interest in this picture taken on the opening day of the 1953 season on Crowley Lake. Floyd Elston, veteran guide from McGee Creek Lodge, is pictured as he holds the 3-lb. Rainbow Trout just caught by 7-year-old Jerry Rogers of Manhattan Beach. It was the youngster's first trip to Crowley, and it turned out to be a highly successful one.

How to Use Your... 1954 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide

This 1954 Edition of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide is designed to make your trip to the High Sierra more memorable and enjoyable this year. The editors have tried to include all the information which will be of interest and value to those who make the trip. They have also included more than 100 photographs of the scenic lakes and streams, the big fish, and the lucky fishermen. There are also other pictures of interest in the various areas.

As you travel through the Inyo-Mono fishing and vacation area, you may find it convenient to follow the various pictorial sections of the Fishing Guide. The entire Inyo-Mono has been divided into seven general sections, starting from Olancho and Lone Pine on the south and extending northward as follows: Independence - Big Pine, Bishop - Rock Creek, Crowley Lake - Mammoth - Upper Owens, June Lake Loop, Lee Vining-Tioga, and Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz.

These sections start on page 27 of this book and extend through to the end. If you are traveling northward on Highway 395, just keep turning the pages and you'll find pictures and information about each district. Check the advertisements closely, too, because you will find the leading motels, camps, stores, and service stations listed in each section.

If you are traveling southward on Highway 395, you can start at the back of the book and keep working forward. The various sections are outlined by the dotted lines on the accompanying strip map of the Inyo-Mono area. By checking the Table of Contents on page 4 you can readily locate any section you want to find.

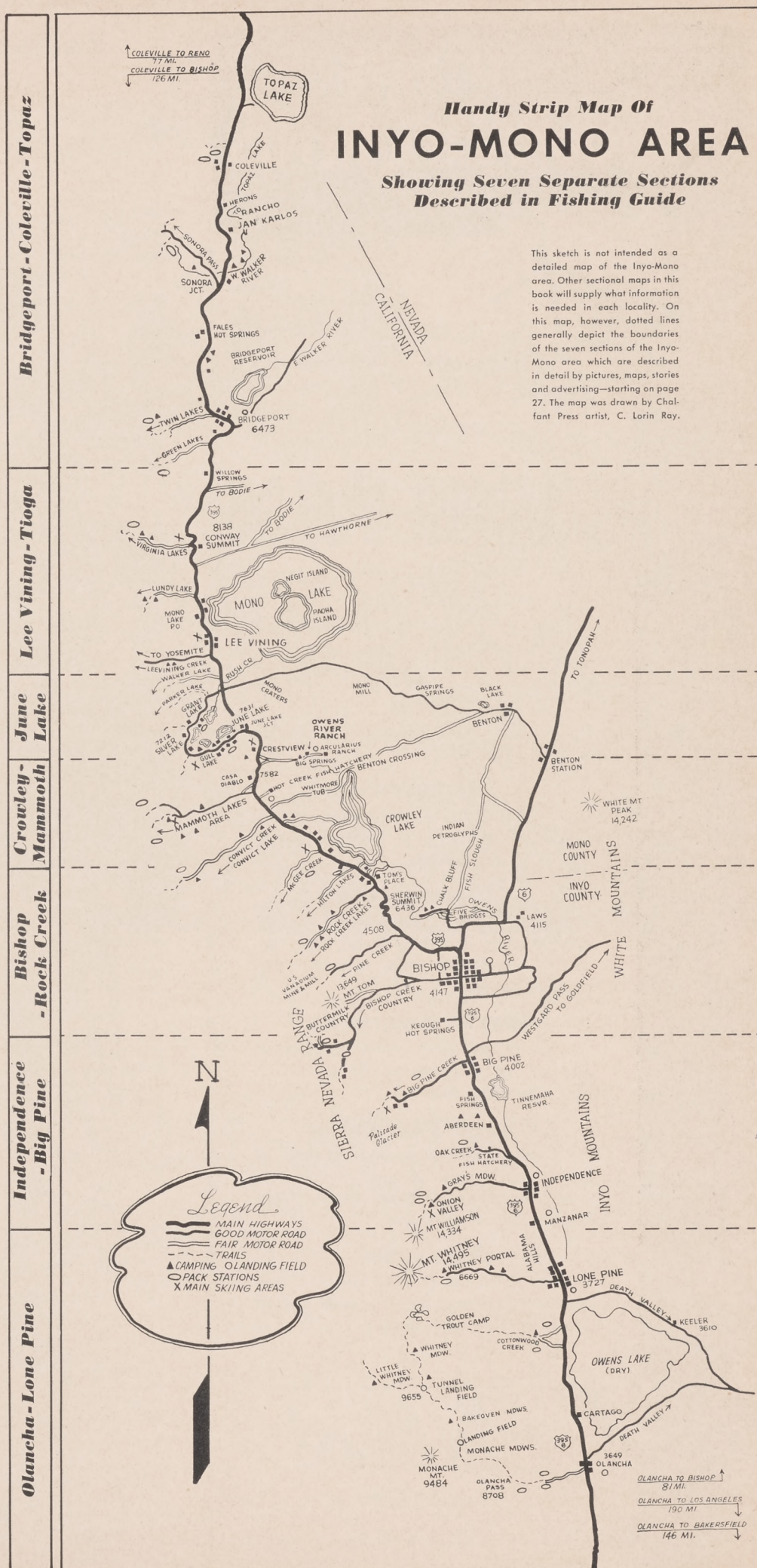
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You may send directly to Chalfant Press, Bishop, for additional copies. Send 50 cents for each copy and the names and addresses where you wish them sent. We will mail them anywhere in the United States at no extra charge.

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Incidentally, if you catch any big fish or especially nice limits of trout this year, be sure to have a photo taken and sent to Chalfant Press for use in next year's Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. There's no charge for running them, of course, but be sure to send them in early.



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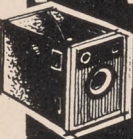
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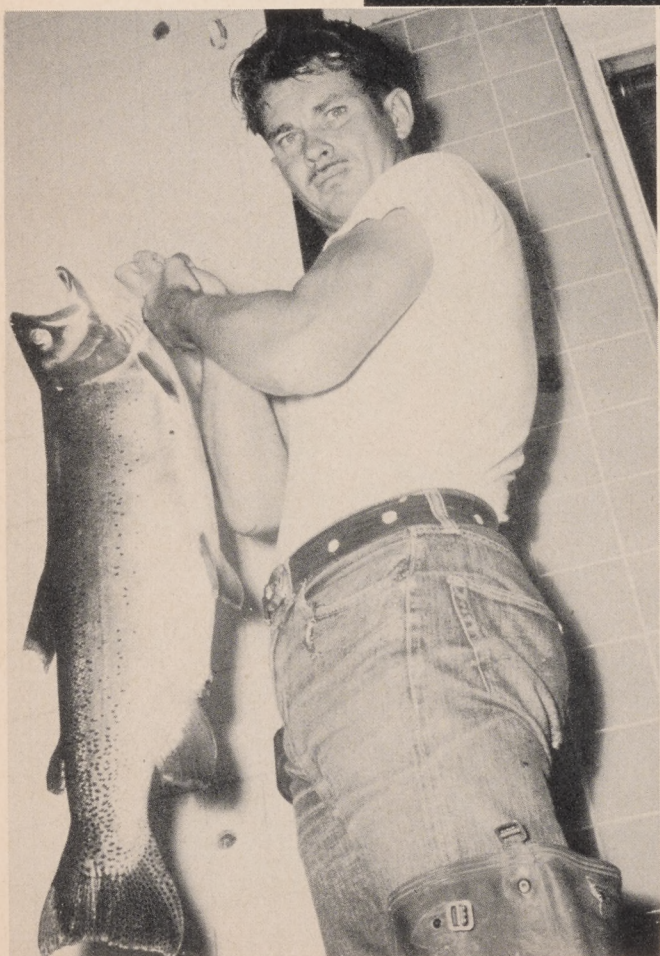
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Line Breakers of 1953

★ TOP RIGHT — Mrs. Gladys Walker of Altadena is "queen" of the Inyo-Mono fishermen this year. She is pictured here with her 18 lb. 9 oz. Brown Trout which she landed at Crowley Lake July 3, 1953. It was the biggest fish caught in Inyo-Mono during the year and one of the largest trout caught anywhere in the United States. She and her husband, Howard Walker, caught some other large fish here last summer, too. . . Photo by Steve Lukacik.

★ BOTTOM LEFT — Bob Graeber of Mojave displays his 15 lb. 2 oz. Rainbow Trout which he caught in the Upper Owens River September 30. It is so heavy, he can hardly hold it. This fish is the largest Rainbow reported here in many seasons. Graeber, in previous years, has caught some other big ones in just about the same spot. . . Chalfant Press Photo.



There are always lots of big trout caught in Inyo-Mono and the year 1953 was no exception. The big lakes and reservoirs boasted most of the large fish, but the streams from Olancha to Topaz all produced some prize specimens for the fortunate anglers who were able to land them.

Top honors for 1953 went to Mrs. Gladys Walker of Altadena who boated an 18 lb. 9 oz. Brown Trout on Crowley Lake the morning of July 3. She was fishing with her husband, Howard Walker, when she took the prize trophy on a chub.

To Bob Graeber of Mojave, a regular weekend fisherman in Inyo-Mono, go second honors. His 15 lb. 2 oz. Rainbow, caught in the Upper Owens River September 30, was the largest Rainbow reported here in many years. Graeber makes a habit of catching the big fellows and the Upper Owens is his favorite haunt.

Ken Utzman, Bridgeport sporting goods dealer, hooked onto a beautiful 14 lb. 9 oz. Brown Trout in the East Walker River July 7. It was the biggest trout caught in Northern Mono County this year and probably the largest ever taken from the East Walker River.

Convict Lake, another favorite spot for the big ones, yielded a dandy Brown Trout to Mrs. K. C. Myers of Palm Desert, California. She caught her 12 lb. 12 oz. trophy fish August 6 while trolling on Convict Lake. Who says the women aren't good fishermen?

There were many other large trout caught in Inyo-Mono during the 1953 season, but these appear to be the largest. Incidentally, if you catch some big ones this year—and we hope you do—will you see that Chalfant Press gets a photograph so that it can be included in next year's edition of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide?



More Big Fish . . .

★ TOP LEFT—Howie Sherman, 14-year-old Santa Monica youth, caught this 10 lb. 2 oz. Rainbow on Topaz Lake, where many large fish are taken throughout the season. Topaz is considered one of the best fishing spots in Northern Mono County. Since part of the lake is located in Nevada, the Departments of Fish and Game of both states are servicing it. New regulations this year do away with a necessity of a license for both states, however, for boat fishermen. Uniform catch and season regulations now apply. Those who fish from the shore, however, must have a license for the state in which they are fishing.

★ BOTTOM LEFT—Ken Utzman of Bridgeport displays his prize 14 lb. 9 oz. Brown Trout which he landed in the East Walker River July 7. It took him nearly an hour to take this "biggie," one of the largest trout ever reported from this river which has long been popular with the stream fishermen. . . . *Chalfant Press Photo.*

★ BOTTOM RIGHT—Another woman who likes her trout fishing—and does all right at it, too, is Mrs. K. C. Myers of Palm Desert, California. She is pictured here with the 12 lb. 9 oz. Brown Trout which she boated at Convict Lake August 6. There are a lot of real "line breakers" in this popular lake and every year some fine trophies are reported taken there.



These Are Lakes and Streams . . .

Where Catchable Trout Have Been Planted

Approximately 2,000,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout were planted in Inyo-Mono lakes and streams during 1953, according to the Department of Fish and Game. These fish, ranging in size from 6 to 12 inches, were planted only in fishing waters readily accessible by motor vehicles.

Much of the planting is done before the season begins, but the Department's trucks are busy all during the summer, re-stocking waters as required. These Rainbow Trout are raised in, and planted by, the Black Rock Rearing Ponds, Fish Springs Hatchery, and Hot Creek Hatchery—all located in the Inyo-Mono area.

In 1954 the Department hopes to increase the number of catchables to be planted, through improved management methods and expanding facilities at Black Rock and Hot Creek.

The 82 streams and lakes listed and described below are those which are annually planted with catchable-size trout. In most cases the location, length of stream or size of lake, annual plant, elevation, and accessibility are noted. Fingerling plants are listed in another section of this book.

From south to north, (*Southern Inyo County to Northern Mono County*), the fishing streams where catchable-size trout are regularly planted are as follows:

★ **RIGHT** — Here's a happy foursome who found the opening day of fishing season in 1953 quite to their liking. Pictured here, with 37 trout taken on Crowley Lake, (from left to right) are Roger Peck, his wife Helen, Alice Jewel, and her husband Bob. The largest of the four limits was a fine 2½ lb. Rainbow taken by Peck. The planting of catchable-size trout by the Department of Fish and Game in Crowley, and other Inyo-Mono waters, is quite important. Some of the fish are caught soon after they are planted, but many live several years and often put on a lot of growth, especially in the lakes. The Department annually plants between 100,000 and 200,000 "catchables" in Crowley Lake alone.
Photo by Art Rogers.



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KERN RIVER, SOUTH FORK—At Kennedy Meadows (*Tulare County*); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 50-60,000 annually; accessible by road from Little Lake.

OLANCHA CREEK—At Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500 annually; partially accessible by car.

CARTAGO CREEK—Approximately 1½ miles north of Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-9,000; fishing intensity, light; partially accessible by car from Highway 395.

ASH CREEK—Second stream north of Olancho Creek; length of stream, 10½ miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, light; plants, 1,500 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Near Cottonwood Power Plant, about 8 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 10 miles; altitude, 4,250-

7,300; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 6,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

TUTTLE CREEK—Approximately 2 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 12 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road over L. A. Aqueduct.

LONE PINE CREEK—At Town of Lone Pine; length of stream, 11 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-40,000 annually; accessible by road from Lone Pine to Whitney Portal.

HOGBACK CREEK—About 4 miles north of Lone Pine; length of stream, 9 miles; altitude, 4,200-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 2-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GEORGES CREEK—About 8 miles north of Lone Pine; length of stream, 14 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 3-4,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

BAIRS CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

BAIRS CREEK, NORTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 6-8,000 annually; accessible by road going west 1 mile south of Independence and following dirt road upstream.

SYMNES CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road 1 mile south of Independence.

PINYON CREEK—South of Independence Creek, forks with this stream below Greys Meadows; altitude, 7,000; fishing intensity, light to moderate; plants, 2,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

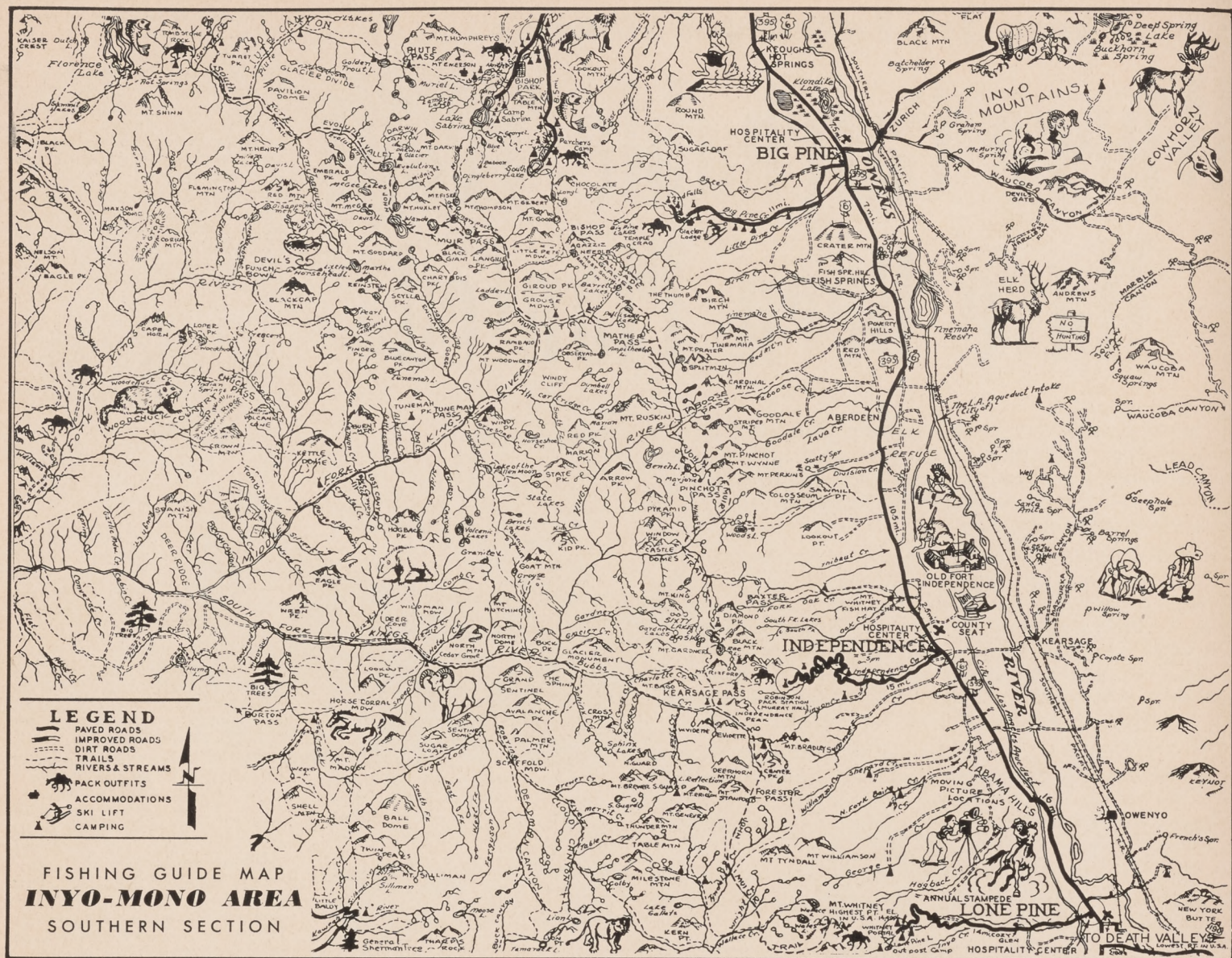
INDEPENDENCE CREEK—West from Town of Independence; length of stream, 20 miles; altitude, 3,925-11,823; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 40-45,000 annually; accessible by road from Independence as far as Onion Valley (20 miles).

OAK CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to Parker's Ranch; length of stream, 7 miles; altitude, 3-6,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to the south.

OAK CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery; length of stream 8 miles; altitude, 3-8,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 8-15,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks to the north above Mt. Whitney Hatchery.

SAWMILL CREEK—Near Black Rock Rearing Ponds turn-off; length of stream, 2 miles; altitude, 3,900-5,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

DIVISION CREEK—About 3 miles north of Sawmill Creek, west of Highway 395 towards Division Creek Power Plant; length of



Olancha . . . Lone Pine . . . Independence . . . Big Pine

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stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GOODALE CREEK—By Aberdeen service station on Highway 395; length of stream, 8 miles; altitude, 3-7,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-11,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

TABOOS CREEK—About 2 miles north of Aberdeen; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy in lower portion becoming light upstream; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by turning left on Direct Road about 2 miles north of Aberdeen.

BIRCH CREEK—Near Poverty Hills and Fish Springs store (McMurray Meadows to highway); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-7,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

BIG PINE CREEK—West of Big Pine to Glacier Lodge; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually; accessible by paved road as far as Glacier Lodge.

BAKER CREEK—Near County Farm at Big Pine to mouth of canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

KAY CREEK—From Sabrina Road crossing to Rocking-K Ranch; fish-

ing intensity, light; plants, 500 annually; partially accessible by road.

BISHOP CREEK, MIDDLE FORK—Above Lake Sabrina; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good road below Lake Sabrina and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, LOWER—From mouth to Powerhouse 6; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-25,000 annually; accessible by good road.

BISHOP CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above North Lake; plants, 1,000 annually; fishing intensity, moderate; accessible by road to North Lake and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Below South Lake; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; entire stream accessible from various points of the road and trails.

BIRCH CREEK—In Buttermilk area above Plant 2 intake; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

LAKE SABRINA—18 miles west of Bishop (tributary to Middle Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 200 acres; depth, 210 feet; altitude, 9,170; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 30,000 annually; accessible from Bishop via good surfaced road.

NORTH LAKE—22 miles west of Bishop (tributary to North Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 15 acres; depth, 26 feet; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 6,000 an-

nually; accessible from Bishop on good surfaced road.

SOUTH LAKE—25 miles west of Bishop (tributary to South Fork of Bishop Creek, above Parcher's Camp); area, 100 acres; depth, 110 feet; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Bishop.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION II (L.A. Intake to Chalk Bluff)—Extending from Aberdeen through 5-Bridges and Chalk Bluff area; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-35,000 annually; accessible by roads into the area.

HORTON CREEK—In Round Valley north of Bishop (tributary to Pine Creek); length, 8 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

PINE CREEK—From Highway 395 to U. S. Vanadium mine (tributary to Rock Creek); entire length of stream planted; altitude, 4,500-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by road to junction with Morgan Creek and by trail above Morgan Creek.

MCGEE CREEK—Near Buttermilk (tributary to Owens River)—Plants 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

ROCK CREEK, SECTION I (Birch Canyon)—From mouth of Owens River to Tom's Place (Mono Coun-

ty); length of stream, 14.3 miles; width, 12 feet; average depth, 6 inches; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 50,000 annually; readily accessible from Highway 395 which runs parallel to it except for about 5¼ miles through Rock Creek Gorge.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—9 miles west from Highway 395 by good dirt road from Tom's Place; area, 50 acres; maximum depth, 90 feet; altitude, 9,927; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

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ROCK CREEK, SECTION II—From Tom's Place to headwaters; length of stream, 11 miles; width, 15-foot average; depth, 7-inch average; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

CROWLEY LAKE—6 miles to north landing via Whitmore Springs from Highway 395, 2 miles to south landing from Highway 395 turn-off 1 mile south of Hilton Creek; area, 5,284 acres; maximum depth, 114 feet; altitude, 6,782 feet; fishing intensity, heavy (especially



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from boats); plants, 100-200,000 annually.

HILTON CREEK—Near Crowley Lake, off highway from Hilton Creek Lodge; length, about 1 mile; width, 5-foot average; depth, 4 inches; altitude, 6,700; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 4-5,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 crossings and by roads of Hilton Creek Lodge and Waterson Land Company for about ½ mile above.

MCGEE CREEK—Near McGee Creek Lodge (tributary to Crowley Lake); length of stream, 8 miles; width, 10-foot average; depth, 6-inch average; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 9-15,000 annually; accessible by road which closely parallels it from a point about a mile below highway 395 to Convict Lake.

CONVICT LAKE—2½ miles west of Highway 395, Long Valley (tributary to Convict Creek); area, 168 acres; altitude, 7,576; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-65,000 annually; accessible by good paved secondary road to outlet end of lake, good graded dirt road crosses bridge at outlet and ends at public camp on east side of lake.

SHERWIN CREEK—(tributary to Mammoth Creek); length of stream,

4 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible by road mainly in vicinity of Sherwin Creek public camp ground.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Crosses Highway 395 1 mile south of Casa Diablo (tributary to Hot Creek); length of stream, 7 miles; average width, 22 feet; average depth, 5 inches; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by car in various locations, including the vicinity of Old Mammoth.

LAKE MAMIE—Mammoth Area; area, 11.4 acres; altitude, 8,800; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 5-6,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes highway to outlet from Lake Mary.

LAKE MARY—Mammoth Area; area, 69.5 acres; altitude, 8,931; fishing intensity, heavy from both shore and boats; plants, 30-40,000 annually; readily accessible, as it is immediately adjacent to Mammoth Lakes highway, good secondary road around southeast end of lake.

LAKE GEORGE—Mammoth Area, 2/3 miles southwest of Mammoth Lakes highway; area, 32 acres; altitude, 9,060; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-16,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway via good dirt road crossing outlet of Lake Mary, turn off

½ miles southeast of Lake Mamie outlet.

TWIN LAKES—Mammoth Area; area, 7.45 acres, Lower; 15.7 acres, Center; 12.84 acres, Upper; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually for the three lakes; accessible by good secondary road, only ¼ miles from main Mammoth Lakes highway.

HORSESHOE LAKE—Mammoth Area, ½ mile west of Lake Mamie; area, 28.4 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 3-5,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway (immediately adjacent to end of this road.)

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, UPPER MIDDLE FORK (Madera County)—From headwaters to Rainbow Falls at Reds Meadows; length of stream, 12 miles; altitude, 7,100-9,850; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by road and trail at Reds Meadows.

SOTCHER LAKE (Madera County)—Near Devil's Post Pile at Reds Meadows; area, 40 acres; altitude, 7,650; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-10,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Mammoth Lakes highway to Reds Meadows.

STARKWEATHER LAKE (Madera County)—Reds Meadows area; area, 8 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy;

plants, 1,000 annually; accessible by short trail (2 minutes) from Mammoth Lakes, Reds Meadows.

MCLEOD LAKE—Mammoth Area; ½ miles from end of Mammoth Lakes highway; area, 9.5 acres; altitude, 9,250; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 1,500-4,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Horseshoe Lake, thence 100 yards by good foot trail to lake shore.

HOT CREEK—Near Hot Creek Hatchery (tributary to Owens River); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-50,000 annually; accessible by roads and trails.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION IV—Big Springs to Benton Crossing; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible from highway crossings.

JUNE LAKE—1 mile southwest from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction; area, 310.9 acres; altitude 7,612; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 80-100,000 annually; readily accessible by good surfaced road.

GULL LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 68.6 acres; altitude, 7,594; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from June Lake Junction (3 miles).

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SILVER LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 118.4 acres; altitude 7,212; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-40,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction (7 miles).

GRANT LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 1,095 acres; altitude, 7,135; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 65-70,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from Highway 395 at Grant Lake Junction (5 miles).

LITTLE WALKER LAKE—5 miles west of Highway 395; area, 76 acres; altitude, 7,926; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by unimproved road from Highway 395. (Two gates on the road are maintained in the summer by the City of Los Angeles and the Walker Land Company, a private organization controlling the lake).

RUSH CREEK—June Lake Loop, extends from Silver Lake to Grant Lake; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 30-40,000 annually; accessible from June Lake Loop highway.

LEE VINING CREEK—Off Tioga Pass Road (tributary to Mono Lake); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 15-25,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads and trails from Tioga Pass Road to

Ellery and Tioga Lake.

ELLERY LAKE—Top of Tioga Pass Road; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 120.

LUNDY LAKE—Near Conway Summit; area, 63 acres; altitude, 7,755; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible by graded dirt road from Highway 395 (4½ miles).

GREEN CREEK—Near Conway Summit; length of stream, 6 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by Summers Meadow Road from Highway 395 on Conway Summit (3 miles).

TRUMBULL LAKE—Off Highway 395 at Conway Summit; area, 12 acres; altitude, 9,200; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road to resort from Highway 395 (6 miles).

VIRGINIA CREEK (Formerly known as Dog Creek)—Near Conway Summit; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-10,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit (6 miles).

VIRGINIA LAKE, LOWER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

VIRGINIA LAKE, UPPER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR—Near Bridgeport; area varies, 2,000 acre maximum; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; readily accessible by road from Bridgeport.

ROBINSON CREEK—2 miles north of Bridgeport; length of stream, 18 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 23-35,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads which cross at Bogard's Camp and Honeymoon Flat, also by dirt road which parallels the stream for much of its length from Twin Lakes to Honeymoon Flat.

TWIN LAKES, LOWER—14 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 375.6 acres; altitude, 7,092 feet; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

TWIN LAKES, UPPER—16 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 264.3 acres; altitude, 7,096; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 50-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

LEAVITT CREEK—North of Bridgeport, from West Walker River through Leavitt Meadows; fishing

intensity, moderate; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 108.

BUCKEYE CREEK, LOWER—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Robinson Creek); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

SWAGER CREEK—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Buckeye Creek); planted Huttoon Camp to Canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by road from Bridgeport.

WALKER RIVER, WEST—From Topaz Lake to Leavitt Meadows; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 75,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 which parallels it much of the way.

WALKER RIVER, LITTLE—Sonora Junction to West Walker River; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 10-15,000 annually; accessible by Highway 395 and cross roads.

TOPAZ LAKE—On California-Nevada State Line; area, 1,300 acres; altitude, 4,990; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually. (Management of this lake is divided between California and Nevada. The latter state also plants this lake heavily with fingerlings); readily accessible from Highway 395 which is directly adjacent.

Packing into High Sierra



If you've never taken a pack trip into the High Sierra, you've missed one of the great outdoor thrills of a lifetime. Chances are, too, you've missed some of the finest trout fishing in the United States because the almost countless mountain lakes and streams, which can be reached only by "packing in", provide an abundance of fish and matchless alpine scenery.

When you mount one of the sure-footed horses and start up one of the many High Sierra trails, you leave the world and its problems behind. Presently you are riding through primeval forest areas, unspoiled by human habitation and use. And, when you reach your destination, you'll be beside a quiet lake or a rushing stream whose icy waters will provide you with your limit of tasty trout in a comparably short time.

Yes, many people will tell you that this is the way to enjoy your Inyo-Mono vacation. And they probably believe it themselves, too, because much of the business of the Eastern High Sierra Packers Association is repeat business—the same people coming back year after year. For there are always new places to go, different scenery to see, and hundreds of back-country lakes and streams to fish. If you packed this area for a lifetime, you probably couldn't see all of the interesting spots reached by some 50 mountain passes and other trails.

Packing trips are often family affairs, where father and mother can enjoy a real vacation with their children. Outdoor-minded couples also find the trips enjoyable and parties of almost any size can be comfortably handled by any of the 24 pack outfits included in the Eastern Sierra Packers Association, whose members are located at various intervals from the southern part of Inyo County to the northernmost tip of Mono County.

Members of the Association are licensed by the State and must have grazing permits from the U. S. Forest Service and

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packing permits from the National Park Service (if they travel into one of the three National Park areas in the High Sierra).

The Forest Service requires its members to maintain the strictest safety standards, and periodic inspections are carried out. All the packers are veterans of many years of experience on mountain trails, so when they are entrusted with a party, they are well able to handle it.

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Basically, there are two types of pack trips which may be chosen by those who wish to enjoy the back-country of the High Sierra:

EXTENDED PACK TRIPS—These average a week or 10 days in length and the packer (or packers) stays right with the party so that it can move from one camp to another if the members wish. Cost is approximately \$4 per day per head of stock (pack mule or saddle horse). A packer costs between \$12 and \$15 per day, including his saddle horse. For trips extending two weeks and longer, costs are slightly lower, averaging \$3.50 per day per head of stock, with the packer's per diem cost the same as above.

SPOT PACK TRIPS—Party is packed to the camp site of their choice and left there until a pre-arranged date when the packer will return and take them out. With a party of four persons or more, costs run from \$25 to \$50 per person, depending on the distance they are packed in. For parties of less than four persons, the cost is slightly higher per person.

Actually, in addition to these two types of trips, some of the pack outfits are featuring one-day scenic rides, which are quite reasonable in cost and provide many with an interesting saddle-horse trip for which otherwise they might not find time. Most pack outfits will be glad to explain these one-day trips on request.

If you are thinking about a pack trip this summer, we suggest that you look over the map and find the approximate location you would like to reach. A strip map of the Inyo-Mono area will be found on page 5 of this book. More detailed maps will be found on pages 10, 11, and 12. Photographs of many of the back-country lakes and streams, some of which you may want to visit, will be found in the various pictorial sections in the part of this book starting on page 27. In each section, you will find advertisements for most of the members of the Eastern High Sierra Packers Association, located in that particular area.

You can get more information by writing or wiring them. These outfits can give you detailed information on cost, what to bring, what to wear, and what kind of fishing you can expect. A detailed folder listing all the members of the Association may be obtained free of charge simply by writing: Secretary of Eastern Sierra Packers Association, Bishop, California.

It is advisable that you make your reservations early. Packers are often booked weeks and months in advance. We advise you to make your arrangements early or you may be disappointed.

Trout Season Opening

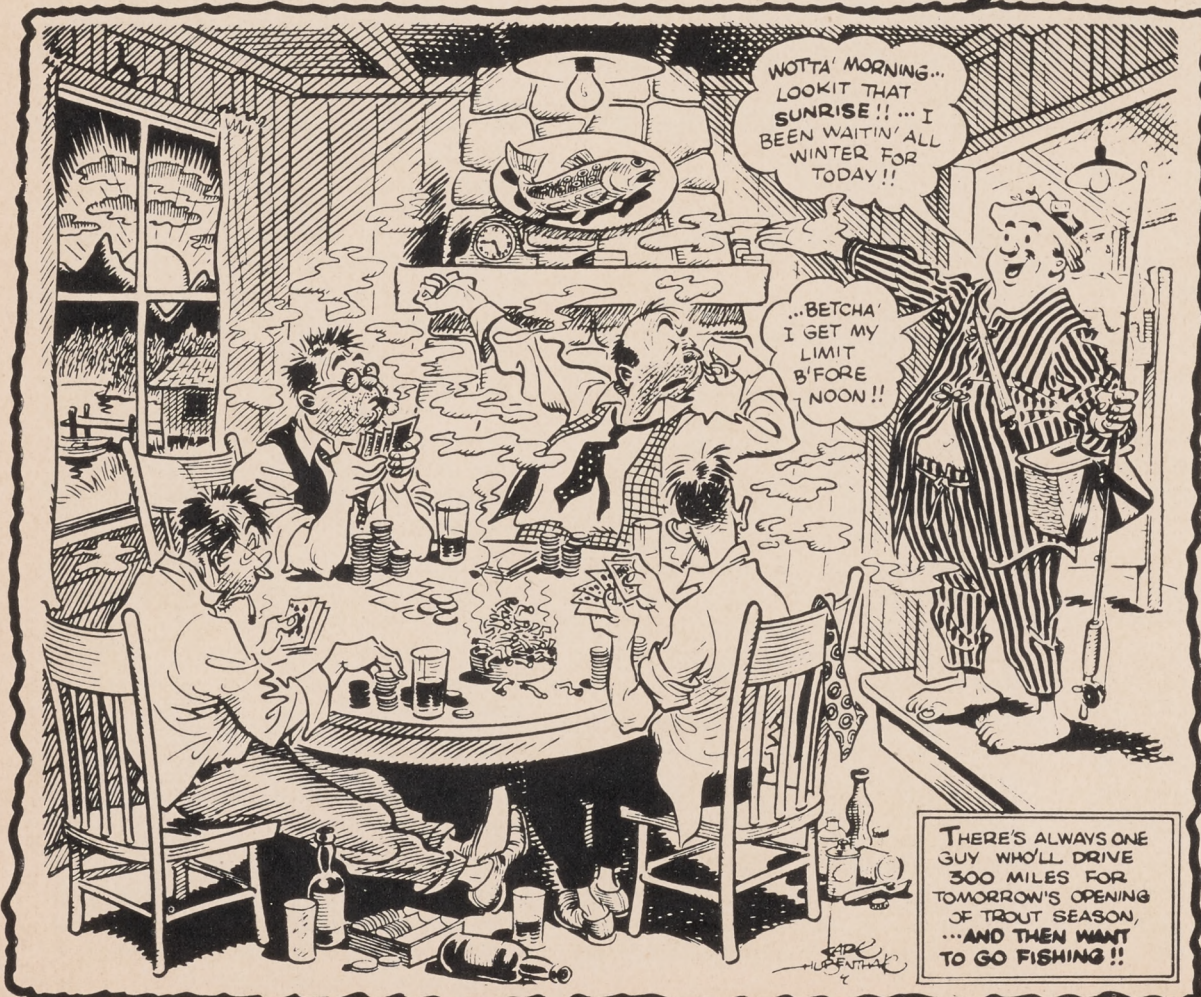
... That Magic Day
Fishermen Can Hardly
Wait for Year after Year

The opening of trout season is just about the biggest day of the year in Inyo-Mono. Anglers from all over the state, who have been waiting for months to work their favorite lakes and streams, annually look forward to it, just like children counting the days until Christmas.

If you've never been on hand for the opening day in the High Sierra, you've really missed something. Hundreds of cars, many of them pulling trailers, line the road. Thousands of anglers, and their families, crowd every small community of Inyo-Mono the night before. Sporting goods stores, filling stations, and restaurants go on a 24-hour basis.

One of the annual customs in Inyo-Mono, carried out for many years, is the opening day fishing contest and display sponsored by the Rainbow Club. Fortunate anglers, who catch large fish or nice limits, are invited to enter them in the display in front of Tony's Service Station in Bishop. Lots of fine prizes are annually given out and hundreds come to see the display that is set up. Television cameras are usually on hand to take some pictures for later showing in the metropolitan areas.

This year, 1954, the opening day is May 1. Plan to be on hand for good fishing, lots of fun, and a good display and contest!



The opening day of trout season always calls for a new, clever cartoon. And Karl Hubenthal, veteran sports cartoonist for the Los Angeles Examiner, always comes up with a good one. The drawing above was his 1953 cartoon and the one at the left was sketched for the opening in 1952.

Hubenthal is an annual visitor to Inyo-Mono, one of his favorite haunts. When he draws fishing cartoons, he is drawing them from a background of personal experiences. That's why they are always good.

Inyo-Mono has many friends among the newspapermen of Los Angeles and lots of them are always on hand for the opening day activities. Some usually find time for some fine trout fishing later on during the season. The dailies are quite generous in carrying information on fishing conditions, catches etc. in the Inyo-Mono area during the season.

National Parks and Monuments

Some Interesting Facts About Special Scenic Areas in and Near Inyo-Mono

Directly adjacent to the Inyo-Mono recreation area are three well-known national parks, all of which can be reached from the Eastern Slopes of the High Sierra. Trails lead from Owens Valley to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, while the Tioga Pass Road (State Sign Route 120) from Lee Vining west, and numerous trails from central and northern Mono County, connect the Eastern High Sierra, with Yosemite National Park.

All of these national parks provide countless lakes and streams for fishing, scenic spots for camping, and ideal locations for hiking, photography, and other recreation. Since they are so close to the Inyo-Mono area, they should be mentioned here—even though the lakes and streams are not administered by the State Department of Fish and Game and are not listed in this Fishing Guide.

The National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior is custodian of these three areas. In Inyo-Mono, it is also in charge of two National Monuments, the Devil's Postpile near Mammoth (in Madera County) and Death Valley in the southeastern part of Inyo County.

Most famous of the national parks, of course, is Yosemite which annually attracts thousands of visitors from all parts of the country. Fishing is ideal in many of the back-country lakes and streams. The scenery is breath-taking. And the trails, radiating from Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley, offer a wide variety of interesting trips, varying from a few days to a month or more.

For those who would travel light, a chain of High Sierra camps, located at scenic spots about 10 miles apart, offers accommodations for all. Tent-lodging and meals are provided during the summer season.

Fishing regulations are posted at all hotels and ranger stations. In Yosemite, as in the other national parks, State of California fishing licenses are required.

Sequoia National Park, most southerly of the three, is famous as the home of the giant sequoias, the largest and perhaps the oldest living members of the forest kingdom. These trees grow only in a limited area in California and they reach numerical and scenic superiority in this park where they occur in great forests. Their thousands of years of age span the centuries of recorded human history.

The titanic setting of the Kings River National Park is without rival in North

America. Huge domes along the Kings River canyon wall, more than 2,000 feet high, are flanked by towering peaks that rise to heights of a mile or more above the canyon's brinks. Rock-bound glacial lakes, flowering alpine meadows, and virgin forests are interspersed among spectacular granite gorges and lofty mountain peaks throughout the area.

Trails leading into Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite parks from the Eastern High Sierra are listed on page 17 of this Fishing Guide.

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Somewhat less known than the national parks, but also reached through the Inyo-Mono area, is the Devil's Postpile National Monument, also administered by the National Park Service. Located in the Reds Meadow area, just across the line in Madera County, it is readily accessible from Mammoth Lakes by the Minaret Road.

The central feature of this monument is an extraordinary formation of symmetrical blue-gray basaltic columns which rise as high as 60 feet, fitting closely together like the pipes of a great organ. Of similar formations found in other parts of the world, the Giant's Causeway in Ireland is perhaps the best known.

In great contrast to the park areas in the High Sierra is the Death Valley Nat-

ional Monument, located in the southeastern corner of Inyo County. Its extreme heat makes it almost unbearable in the summer, but its sunny, warm weather makes it an ideal winter resort area and people from all over the state are enjoying that season in increasing numbers. This national monument is 150 miles long and 6 to 20 miles wide. Approximately 500 miles of highways traverse the area, connecting the many and varied points of interest.

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Death Valley's upended rocks expose all the great divisions of geological time. Today you may find petroglyphs, fossils, and footprints of prehistoric birds and animals as you explore and roam the very region once sought out by the Spaniards, who were seeking precious gems, and the Mormons who searched for precious metals. Many visitors retrace, on well-kept modern highways, in their own automobiles, the once agonizing route of the Jayhawkers—the Arcane-Manley party who named the Valley after becoming lost as they sought a short-cut to the gold fields of California in 1849.

Nearby are the ghost mining camps, once wild and flourishing, of Panamint, Skidoo, Harrisburg, Keane Wonder, and Leadfield in California, with Rhyolite and Bullfrog just over the Nevada State.



ABOVE— Devil's Postpile National Monument is one of the unique scenic attractions of Inyo-Mono. Fishermen or tourists will find it interesting to make the short trip from the Mammoth Lakes area to the Devil's Postpile by way of the Minaret Road. There is plenty of good fishing too, in nearby areas. Dept. of Water & Power Photo.

Fish Production ...and Planting

Trout fishing is good in Inyo-Mono and one of the main reasons that thousands of anglers can catch those tasty trout year after year is the continuous program of fish production and planting carried on by the Department of Fish and Game.

It has become one of the most important industries in the Inyo-Mono area, directly and indirectly. For, without the continual replenishment of the popular High Sierra lakes and streams, they soon would be "fished out" by the thousands of sportsmen who make the trip here every year. Only the hard-to-get-to back-country lakes and streams could maintain themselves without the help of planting—and most of these would soon lose their popularity.

In California, the sportsmen are fortunate in having a Fish and Game Commission and Director who strongly believe in building up and maintaining good fresh-water fishing in the High Sierra. This group is also backed by the Wildlife Conservation Board which has been liberal with its appropriations for the improvement of Inyo-Mono trout fishing. Last

year its treasury provided funds for extensive improvements at the Black Rock Rearing Ponds and the Hot Creek Hatchery in this area.

The district office of the Department of Fish and Game, located at Bishop, and the four hatcheries in the area, have been very active this year in the fish raising and planting program. The fish-producing facilities located in the Inyo-Mono area are: Mt. Whitney Hatchery at Independence, Black Rock Rearing Ponds at Independence, Fish Springs Hatchery at Big Pine, and Hot Creek Hatchery in southern Mono County. All of them raise catchable-size Rainbows except Mt. Whitney, which concentrates on the production of fingerlings.

Last year the Department of Fish and Game produced and planted approximately 2,000,000 catchable-size trout in 82 lakes and streams of the area readily accessible by car. (See pages 9-12 for a com-

★ BELOW—Water and trout simultaneously pour from the specially equipped Department of Fish and Game plane in one of the many plants of fingerling fish in the High Sierras made every season. This lake happens to be Lake Mamie and the famed Crystal Crag is very much in evidence. Photo by Dept. of Fish & Game.



★ ABOVE—Here's the unusual way the catchable-size trout are planted and distributed along the surface of Crowley Lake. The partly submerged boats in the rear are filled with fish and water. When the Department of Fish and Game men want to plant them, they speed up the power boat ahead. Seve Lukacic Photo.

plete list and description of each of these Inyo-Mono waters.) A large part of these were probably caught during the summer months of 1953, but some undoubtedly have survived and will be longer and heavier prizes for the anglers this year.

In 1953 the Department of Fish and Game also planted more than 2,000,000 fingerling trout in 279 different lakes and streams in the Inyo-Mono area. Many of these are back-country waters where the fish can grow rapidly and provide excellent sport for the harder anglers who hike or pack-in to these hard-to-get-to spots. (For a complete list of 540 Inyo-Mono waters where fingerlings are regularly planted, see pages 21-23.)

The "catchables" are practically all planted by tank-truck except on Crowley Lake where they are distributed throughout the lake by a unique system of boats dragged behind a motor launch. Most of the fingerlings are now planted by airplane, with apparatus specially designed to make the process fairly simple. The stocking of back-country lakes, which used to take months by pack-mule and by men carrying containers on their backs, now can be done in a matter of days—and a more thorough job done, too.

The catchable-size trout are all Rainbows, but the fingerlings are of five popular species now being maintained in this area. The 1953 fingerling plant was as follows: Rainbow, 490,000; Eastern Brook, 300,000; Cutthroat, 300,000; Golden, 200,000; and Brown, 800,000.

This year, according to Leon Talbott, supervisor of hatcheries in the Inyo-Mono area, the Department hopes to plant as many or more than in 1953. Some planting will be done prior to the opening, but many of the "catchables" will be planted from time-to-time throughout the season, as the need arises.



HIGH SIERRA TRAILS

Very important to the sportsman, who likes to do his camping and fishing in the off-the-beaten-path areas of the High Sierra, are the hundreds of miles of trails constructed and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service. These trails are used by hikers, and pack outfits as well, to reach back-country lakes and streams where fishing is at its best and the scenery is incomparable.

The Inyo National Forest, which covers most of the mountainous area of Inyo and Southern Mono Counties, maintains a network of 634 miles of horse and foot trails. Built for administrative purposes, as well as to make the back-country accessible to the general public, some of these have been constructed at considerable expense.

The world-famous Mt. Whitney Trail, for example, which leads from beautiful Whitney Portal to the summit of Mt.



Whitney, highest point in the United States, cost \$60,500 to construct. Its popularity, however, increases every year. At the close of 1953, the Forest Service reported that approximately 5,000 people registered at the beginning of the trail and about 1,400 signed the register of successful climbers atop the famous peak during the past season.

Much of the network ties into the famous John Muir Trail, which extends from Tuolumne Meadows near Tioga Pass southward along the Sierra Crest to the summit of tall Mt. Whitney. Use of all types of motor vehicles is prohibited on these trails as they are reserved for horse and foot traffic only.

Toiyabe National Forest, in the Mono area, also maintains hundreds of miles of trails, some of which extend directly into Yosemite National Park.

Licensed pack outfits, situated at various locations along the eastern edge of the High Sierra, use these trails in taking their parties to and from their favorite fishing spots. Many parties, who like to hike, use these trails frequently during the summer months.

The more important trails, leading into the High Sierra from the eastern slope, are (from south to north) as follows:

Inyo National Forest . . .

HAIWEE CANYON—From end of Haiwee Canyon road to Deer Mountain at the headwaters of the South Fork of Kern River.

OLANCHA—From Sage Flat southwest of Olancha to Monache Meadow.

COTTONWOOD CANYON—From end of Cottonwood Canyon road to Horseshoe Meadow.

CARROLL CREEK—From end of Carroll Creek road past Cottonwood Lakes to Army Pass.

MT. WHITNEY—From Whitney Portal camp ground to the 14,495-foot summit of Mt. Whitney, highest point in the United States.

SHEPHERD PASS—From end of Symmes Creek road to headwaters of the Kern River.

KEARSARGE PASS—From Onion Valley camp ground to headwaters of the South Fork of Kings Canyon.

SAWMILL PASS—From end of Sawmill Creek road to headwaters of the South Fork of Kings Canyon.

TABOOSE PASS—From end of Taboose Creek road to headwaters of South Fork of Kings Canyon. (*Trail is unsafe for horses and is scheduled for eventual relocation.*)

BIG PINE—From Glacier Lodge to Palisade Glacier Basin.

BISHOP PASS—From South Lake to headwaters of North Fork of Kings Canyon.

PIUTE PASS—From North Lake to Humphrey Basin.

PINE CREEK—From end of Pine Creek road over Hilgard Pass to Lake Italy.

MONO PASS—From Rock Creek Lake to Pioneer Basin and the Recesses of Mono Creek.

HILTON CREEK—From Long Valley to Hilton Creek Lakes.

McGEE CREEK—From end of McGee Creek road over the Red Slate Mountain Pass to head of Fish Creek.

DUCK PASS—From Lake Mary to Duck Lake.

SHADOW LAKE—From Agnew Meadow to Shadow Lake and Thousand Island Lake.

AGNEW LAKE—From Silver Lake past Agnew Lake into Minarets Basin.

SADDLEBAG—From Saddlebag Reservoir to Lundy Lake.



Toiyabe National Forest . . .

VIRGINIA LAKES—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Red, Blue, Frog, and Summit.

GREEN CREEK—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Green, East, Gilman, Eastman, Hoover, and Summit. Green Creek Trail joins the Virginia Creek Trail at Summit Lake. A side trail goes from Green Creek Trail northwest to West Lake.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Trails in this area are the Cattle Horse Loop, south of the Twin Lakes; Barney Lake Trail west from Upper Twin Lakes along Robinson Creek to Barney Lake; Eagle Peak Trail north of the lakes to Eagle Peak; Buckeye Trail from Bogard's Camp, or from the Bridgeport Ranger Station, five miles north of Bridgeport, extending along Buckeye Creek and on into Yosemite National Park. (The south fork of this trail leads to Peeler Lake and the north fork goes across Kirkwood Pass into the headwaters of the West Walker River).

LITTLE WALKER—This trail follows Little Walker River and Molybdenite Creek. Lakes reached by this trail: Emma, Anna, and McMillan.

WEST WALKER—Extends along the West Walker River to Kirkwood Pass where it joins the Buckeye Trail. This trail forks at the Middle Piute Meadows and the west fork goes into Yosemite National Park along Cascade Creek, passing the following lakes: Harriet, Cora, Ruth, Helen, Bonnie, and into the Park at Dorothy Lake. Other lakes reached by the West Walker Trail below the forks in the trail are: Poore, Roosevelt, Lane, Hidden, Red Top, Fremont, Chain of Lakes, and Cinko.

LOST CANYON—This trail extends into Lost Canyon from the Coleville area.

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In Inyo-Mono's Streams and Lakes, You May Expect to Catch ...

Five Species of Trout...

Anglers fishing the lakes and streams of Inyo-Mono will find five species of trout, all of them good game and excellent eating fish. These varieties, which have helped make Inyo-Mono the most popular of all trout fishing areas in California, are: Golden, Rainbow, Cutthroat, Eastern Brook, and Brown.

You may wonder why there is no mention of the so-called Loch Leven Trout. According to the biologists of the Department of Fish and Game, there is no noticeable difference between the Brown and Loch Leven. They say that the correct name should Brown and a more detailed explanation will be found in the individual descriptions and pictures of each of the species below. *(Drawings were furnished by the National Wildlife Federation)*



RAINBOW TROUT

Very large numbers of this species are planted by the Department of Fish and Game in the lakes and streams each year, and it is by far the most important trout in the area. In typical form, it is easily distinguished by the colorful "rainbow" along the sides and the many black spots on the back, dorsal fin, and sides. However, those which live in lakes may become quite silvery. Many anglers are confused by the wide variation in color displayed by Rainbow trout. It must be kept in

mind that under the many conditions found in different lakes and streams, this species can display a wide variety of colors, shapes and sizes.

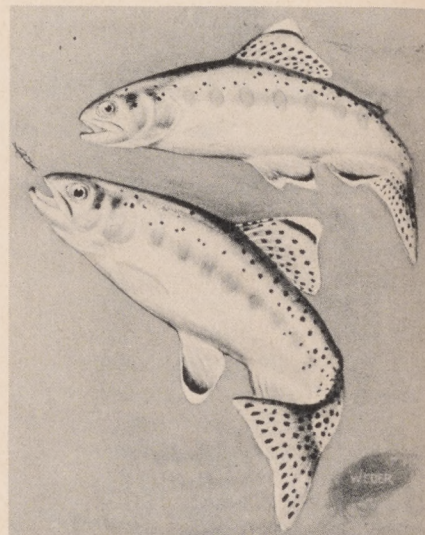
Rainbow are the most adaptable of the trout, doing well in cold water, yet able to endure temperatures of over 80° F. for short periods, if the water is well aerated. In certain lakes and streams this trout is a spectacular fighter,

GOLDEN TROUT

The Golden Trout is the official fish of the State of California. Once plentiful in the High Sierra, it is now found only in a few high-elevation streams and lakes. The Department of Fish and Game, however, this year inaugurated a program to increase the propagation of this beautiful fish and thousands of fingerling Golden Trout were raised and planted over a wide area by plane this year.

This species is closely related to the Rainbow and often inter-breeds with it. They are brilliantly colored, being lemon yellow or even red below the lateral line and on the belly. There are fewer spots on the fore parts of the body than the Rainbow and the parr marks are usually retained throughout life.

Originally, Golden Trout were confined to streams in the Kern River drainage, but they have been distributed, both by plants of wild fish and hatchery stocks, to other waters in the southern Sierra Nevada range.



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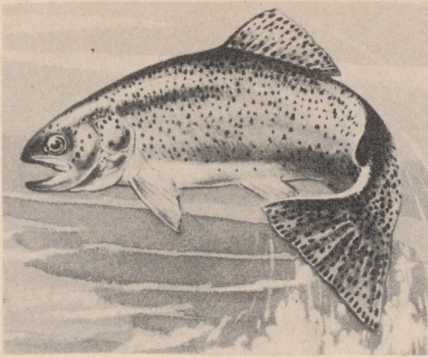
CUTTHROAT TROUT

Like the Rainbows, there are several varieties of Cutthroat Trout. Typically, they are heavily spotted with black (hence they are often called "black-spotted trout"), and often have a streak of red on each side of the head below the lower jaw. They have a larger mouth than the Rainbow and smaller scales.

In the Invo-Mono area they are found in the Carson River and in a few lakes, including Crowley Lake.

Like Rainbow, Cutthroat Trout are spring-spawners.

The two species can cross, but usually infertile hybrids are produced. The Cutthroat sometimes do attain a large size.



EASTERN BROOK TROUT

The name "Eastern" is used to distinguish this trout from the native Rainbow found in small mountain streams and sometimes referred to as "brook trout."

These fish are native to the Eastern part of the United States and were first planted in California in 1872. They have proven to be particularly well suited to our mountain lakes, where they spawn very successfully in springs rising from the lake bottoms.

Unfortunately, the Brookie does not attain a large size in most California lakes, and it is not a determined fighter. On the other hand, it is easily caught by less experienced fishermen, and there is no question but that it is just about the best, if not the best, flavored trout.

The distinguishing characteristics of this species are its dark-grey or black upper parts, white belly, small red spots on the sides, wavy bands on the back and on the dorsal fin. The lower fins have pronounced white margins and, at spawning time, males assume beautiful orange-yellow hues on the under parts.

BROWN TROUT

This species is also known as German Brown, and as Lochleven, but the correct name is "Brown Trout." It is a native of Europe, where it lives in lakes and streams and commonly runs to sea, like our Western Steelhead. Brown Trout have long been cultivated in Germany, and some of the first eggs to be brought to the United States came from that country; thus the name German Brown. Similarly, this trout inhabits many Scotch lakes, and in the latter part of the last century a shipment of eggs came to the United States from Loch Leven and these were known as the Loch Leven Brown, or simply as Lochleven. Originally, these fish from Loch Leven had certain slight differences which led scientists to class them as separate sub-species. For some years after these trout were brought to California, the Department of Fish and Game tried to keep the so-called "Lochleven" separate from the Browns, but this soon became impractical, and a number of years ago all attempts to distinguish them were given up.

All trout vary considerably in their appearances, and the Brownie is certainly no exception. For this reason a few people believe they can tell Lochleven from the other Brown Trout. These presumed differences are more imagined than real, and today all these fish should be called "Brown Trout."

In most streams and lakes the Brownie can easily be distinguished by its brown or yellowish-brown color, its large dark spots, and the small red or vermillion dots on the sides. In some lakes, however, these colors are not clearly pronounced; the red dots may be hard to find, the dark spots few and indistinct, and the general coloration quite pale.

The Owens River was formerly one of the finest Brown Trout streams in California, possibly the finest. In years gone by the Gorge section yielded large fish and great sport for the more experienced fishermen. Plenty of them are still caught in the River, but now many of the largest trout in California are among the Browns found in Crowley and other of the larger Inyo-Mono lakes.



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For the information of those interested in flying their own planes into the area, the following brief description of 12 local fields is given. Pilots unfamiliar with the area are urged to use extreme care in crossing the mountains and landing at these strips.

For those pilots flying into the area for the first time, landing at the low-altitude fields at Grant, Lone Pine, or Bishop is recommended. More detailed information on the other fields can be obtained from Ed Roman at Grant, Bob White at Lone Pine, and Al Langenheim or Bob Symons at Bishop.

Principal field in the area is at Bishop where radio (Unicom 122.8 MC), weather reports, teletype, and all other facilities are available.

Pilots coming into the area are urged to check latest publications and maps on these Inyo-Mono strips and fields, located from south to north as follows:

MONACHE MEADOWS—Located 15 miles west-southwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 8,000 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south; (Land to the north and take off to the south only.)

TUNNEL MEADOW—Located 22 miles west-northwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 9,100 feet; No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west (Take off to the west only); length, 2,000 feet; surface, dirt.

COSO JUNCTION—Located at Coso Junction on Highway 395, approximately 17 miles south of Olancho in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,380 feet. Runway: direction, north-south; length, 2,600 feet; surface, dirt.

GRANT—Located 2 miles south of Olancho on Highway 395. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Gas and oil available. Runway: direction, north-south, also east and west; length, 3,100 feet; surface, dirt.

LONE PINE—Located just south of the town of Lone Pine in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Gas and oil available. Runway: direction, north-west-southeast and north and south; length 2,500 feet; surface, dirt.

MANZANAR—Located 8 miles north of Lone Pine near Highway 395 in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,875 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south, also northwest-southeast; length, 5,000 feet; surface, paved.

INDEPENDENCE—Located just north of the Town of Independence in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,926 feet. Gas and oil on request. Runway: landing all directions, mainly north and south. (Take off to north, with right-hand pattern.)



MAP SHOWING Inyo-Mono Air Strips

Large black dots denote approximate location of 12 useable air strips in Inyo and Mono Counties only (between dotted lines). Be sure to check your flight maps and pick the safest fields if you are not already acquainted with the area!

BISHOP—Located 2½ miles east of the City of Bishop in Inyo County. Altitude, 4,121 feet. All facilities, including gas, oil, hangar space, weather reports and teletype, radio (daylight hours, Unicom 122.8 MC), landing lights on prior request. Runways: landing all directions; length, 7,500 feet; surface, paved.

ARCULARIUS RANCH—Located 35 miles north-west of Bishop at upper end of Owens River in Mono County. Altitude, 7,100 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east west (Take off normally to east only); length, 8,000 feet; surface, dirt.

LONG VALLEY—(Sometimes called Hot Creek or Convict)—Located adjacent to Highway 395 about 25 miles northwest of Bishop in Mono County. Altitude, 7,100 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west; length, 5,300 feet; surface, 5,000 feet paved, rest dirt.

BRIDGEPORT—Located at the north edge of the Town of Bridgeport in Mono County. Altitude, 6,465 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south; length, 3,100 feet; surface, dirt and grass.

Lakes--Streams

It is difficult to say just how many lakes and streams there are in the High Sierra region of Inyo- Mono. In fact, it is doubtful if any one individual would know, since many of the smaller ones have never been surveyed and probably are not on the maps.

Estimates have varied, but it is probable that there are more than 800 of them nestled throughout the mountain areas. Some are small, some are large, but practically all of them are good fishing—especially those “off-the-beaten-path,” where they are not fished too heavily. Most of them are accessible by hiking or pack train only.

The Department of Fish and Game regularly plants fingerling fish in some 540 waters, most of them in the back-country. This is in addition, of course, to the 82 lakes and streams accessible by car, where the catchable-size fish are planted. (*These are listed and described in another section of this book.*)

Not all of these are stocked every year, but they are planted as the need becomes apparent and when fingerling fish are available. During the year 1953, approximately 2,000,000 fingerling trout, of five different species, were planted by the Department in the Inyo-Mono area. A total of 279 waters were planted, most of them by the comparatively new airplane method. Department figures show that 166 high lakes were stocked with fingerlings by plane; also 51 streams and lakes by pack mule, and 62 by truck.

Many of the back-country lakes are able to maintain themselves, especially with the hardy Eastern Brook Trout, since they are not overly fished and they contain plenty of feed. Others need to be stocked regularly and this is what the fingerling planting program of the Department of Fish and Game does.

Fingerlings of all five of the popular species of trout found in Inyo-Mono are planted yearly in the High Sierra streams. Last year the number of each was as follows: Rainbow, 490,000; Eastern Brook, 300,000; Cutthroat, 300,000; Golden, 200,000; and Brown, 800,000. These were all produced at the Mt. Whitney and Hot Creek Hatcheries, both located in Inyo-Mono.

The 540 lakes and streams listed below are those which are regularly stocked by the Department of Fish and Game. They are listed by drainage areas, starting at the southern tip of Inyo County and extending to the northern part of Mono County. They are grouped under the general heading of the stream or lake they are tributary to. This will show the general area in which each is located.

Along with the name of each lake and stream is the name of the species of trout which the Department is maintaining there. Other varieties of trout may be caught in these streams, but the species that are planted under the Department's policy, are those listed here.

Generally speaking, all the lakes and streams are located in Inyo-Mono. It will be noted, however, that certain of the back-country waters are located in Tulare, Madera, and Fresno counties, which border Inyo and Mono. They are definitely a part of the local fishing area and are accessible from this side of the Sierra. Therefore, they are listed here.

Inyo County . . .

LITTLE LAKE-LONE PINE AREA . . .

KERN RIVER (*Tulare County*)—Kern River South Fork, Rainbow; Rocky Basin Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden.

LONE PINE CREEK—Boy Scout Lake, Cutthroat; Consultation Lake, Rainbow; Lone Pine Lake, Rainbow; Meysan Lake, Lower, Brook; Meysan Lake, Upper, Brook; Mirror Lake, Rainbow; Peanut Lake, Brook.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Cirque Lake, Golden; High Lake, Golden; Lower South Fork Lake, Golden; Long Lake, Golden; Cottonwood Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Golden; Muir Lake, Golden.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—Williamson Lakes 1-2-3, Cutthroat; Williamson Lakes 4-5-6-7, Brook.

OWENS LAKE—Owens River, Brown.

INDEPENDENCE AREA . . .

INDEPENDENCE CREEK — Bench Lake, Rainbow; Flower Lake, Brook; Gilbert Lake, Brook; Golden Trout Lakes 1-2-3-4, Golden; Heart Lake, Brook; Matlock Lake, Rainbow; Pothole Lake, Brook; Little Pothole Lake, Brook; Robinson Creek, Brook; Slim Lake, Rainbow.

OAK CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Oak Creek Lakes 1-2, Brook.

SAWMILL CREEK—Sawmill Lake, Rainbow.

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BIG PINE AREA . . .

RED MOUNTAIN CREEK — Red Mountain Lake, Golden.

BIRCH CREEK—Birch Lake, Rainbow.

BIG PINE CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Big Pine Creek South Fork, Rainbow; Glacier Lake, Brook; Brainard Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Thumb Lake, Brook; Willow Lake, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Big Pine Creek Section I, Brown; Big Pine Creek Section II, Rainbow; Baker Creek, Brook.

BIG PINE CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Big Pine Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Rainbow; Big Pine Lake 7, Brook; Black Lake, Rainbow; Sam Mack Lake, Brook; Summit Lake, Brook.

BAKER CREEK—Baker Lake, Brook; Hidden Lake, Golden; Thunder and Lightning Lake, Brook.

COYOTE CREEK—Funnel Lake, Brook; Rocky Bottom Lake, Brook.

BISHOP AREA . . .

BISHOP CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Bluff Lake, Brook; Brown Lake, Rainbow; Bull Lake, Brook; Chocolate Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Green Lake, Rainbow; Hurd Lake, Brook; Inconsolable Lake, Brook; Ledge Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Margaret Lake (3rd), Brook; Marie Louise Lake 1-2, Brook; Mule Lake, Rainbow; Ruwau Lake, Rainbow; Spearhead Lake, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 1, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 2, Brook; Treasure Lake 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, Golden; Tye Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Rainbow; Tye Lake 6, Brook; Saddlerock Lake, Rainbow.

BISHOP CREEK (MIDDLE FORK)—Lower Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Middle Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Upper Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Blue Heaven Lake, Rainbow; Bottleneck Lake, Brook; Dingleberry Lake, Brook; Donkey Lake, Brook; Drunken Sailor Lake, Rainbow; Echo Lake, Brook; Emerald Lake 2-3-4, Brook; Fishgut Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Little George Lake, Brook; George Lake, Rainbow; Granite Lake, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 1-2-3, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 4-5, Golden; Hungry Packer Lake, Rainbow; Midnight Lake, Rainbow; Moonlight Lake, Rainbow; Schober's Hole Lake 1-3, Brook; Sunset Lake, Brook; Thompson Lake, Brook; Topsy-Turvey Lake, Brook.

BISHOP CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Emerson Lake, Brook; Grass Lake, Brook; Lower Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Loch Leven Lake, Rainbow; Piute Lake, Rainbow; Wonder Lakes 1-2-3, Brook.

HORTON CREEK — Horton Lake, Brook; Horton Lake 2, Rainbow; Horton Lakes 3-4, Golden.

PINE CREEK—Birchim Lake, Rainbow; Lower Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Upper Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Gable Lake 1-2-3-4, Brook; Golden Lake, Golden; Granite Lake, Golden; Honeymoon Lake, Rainbow; Pine Lakes 1-2, Rainbow.

MORGAN CREEK—Bear Lake, Rainbow; Finch, Brook; Hidden Lake, Rainbow; Lower Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Upper Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Spire Lake, Brook; Split Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK-MAMMOTH AREA . . .

ROCK CREEK (WEST FORK)—Big Fish Lake 1-2-3, Rainbow; Box Lake, Rainbow; Chickenfoot Lake, Rainbow; Dam Lake, Rainbow; Lower Gem Lake, Brook; Middle Gem Lake, Brook; Upper Gem Lake, Brook; Heart Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Mack Lake, Brook; Marsh Lake, Brook; Patricia Lake, Brook; Ruby Lake, Brook; Sublime Lake, Brook; Treasure Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Serene Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK (EAST FORK)—Buck Lake, Brook; Catherine Lake, Brook; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Easternbrook Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Franci Lake, Brook; Fourth Recess, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 1, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 2-3-4-5-6, Brook; Kenneth Lake, Brook.

Mono County . . .

MONO CREEK—Needle Lake, Brook; Red and White Mountain Lake, Golden.

HILTON CREEK—Hilton Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Hilton Lakes 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10, Brook; Stanford Lake, Rainbow.

CONVICT CREEK—Bighorn Lake, Brook; Bright Dot Lake, Brook; Bunney Lake, Brook; Cloverleaf Lake, Brook; Constance Lake, Brook; Convict Lake, Rainbow; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Edith Lake, Brook; Genevieve Lake, Brook; Mildred Lake, Rainbow; Witsonapah Lake, Brook.

MCGEE CREEK—Baldwin Lake, Golden; Crocker Lake, Brook; Gold Lake, Rainbow; Grass Lake, Rainbow; Meadow Lake, Brook; Lower McGee Lake, Rainbow; Upper McGee Lake, Rainbow; Round Lake, Rainbow; Steelhead Lake, Rainbow; Trail Lake, Rainbow.

SHERWIN CREEK TRIBUTARIES—Sherwin Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Crowley Lake, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat; Hot Creek, Rainbow, Brown; Mammoth Creek, Rainbow; Laurel Creek, Brook; Deadman Creek, Brook.

LAUREL CREEK—Bloody Lake, Brook; Laurel Lake 1-2, Rainbow.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Arrowhead Lake, Brook; Barney Lake, Brook; Barrett Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Lake George, Brook; Lake Mamie, Brook; Lake Mary, Rainbow; Mud Lake, Brook; McLeod Lake, Brook; Olie Lake, Brook; Skelton Lake, Brook; Tee Jay Lake, Brook; Wood Lake, Brook.

DEADMAN CREEK—Glass Creek, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

FISH CREEK (Fresno County)—Cecil Lake, Rainbow; Deer Lake 1-2, Rainbow; Duck Lake, Rainbow; Lee Lake, Rainbow; Pika Lake, Rainbow; Purple Lake, Rainbow.

FRENCH CANYON GROUP (Fresno County)—French Canyon Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Steelhead Lake, Golden.

HOPKINS CREEK (Fresno County)—Upper Hopkins Lake, Brook; Lower Hopkins Lake, Brook.

KINGS CREEK (Madera County)—Anona Lake, Brook; Ashley Lake, Rainbow; Lower Beck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Beck Lake, Rainbow; Fern Lake, Rainbow; Holcomb Lake, Rainbow; Noname Lake, Brook.

Brook; Superior Lake (Fresno County), Rainbow.

MINARET CREEK (Madera County)—Johnson Lake, Brook; Minaret Lake, Brook; Deadhorse Lake, Brook.

PIUTE CREEK (Fresno County)—Coney Lake, Golden; Little Desolation Lake, Golden; Big Desolation Lake, Golden; Lower Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Upper Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Lower Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Upper Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Lower Humphrey's Lake 1-2, Golden; Upper Humphrey's Lake, Golden; Knob Lake, Golden; Lower Lobe Lake, Golden; Upper Lobe Lake, Golden; Lower Lost Lake, Golden; Upper Lost Lake, Golden; Lovejoy Lake, Golden; Marmot Lake, Golden; Muriel Lakes, 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Paine Lake, Golden; Ramona Lake, Golden; Royce Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Square Lake, Brook; Tomahawk Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lakes 1-2 (near Big Desolation), Golden; Vista Lake, Brook; Wahoo Lake 1, Golden.

PIONEER BASIN (Fresno County)—Pioneer Basin Lakes 1-2-2A-3-4-4A-4B-4C-5-6, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER (MIDDLE FORK) (Madera County)—Alpha Lake, Brook; Bird Lake, Rainbow; Castle Lake, Rainbow; Clarice Lake, Rainbow; Crater Creek, Rainbow; Emerald Lake, Rainbow; Fish Creek, Rainbow; Garnet Lake, Rainbow; Gladys Lake, Rainbow; Kings Creek, Rainbow; Laura Lake, Rainbow; Lois Lake, Brook; Lost Dog Lake, Brook; Minaret Creek, Rainbow; Olane Lake, Rainbow; Sotcher Lake, Rainbow; Thousand Island Lake, Rainbow; Vivian Lake, Rainbow; Rosalie Lake, Rainbow; Badger Lake, Rainbow.

SHADOW CREEK (Madera County)—Cabin Lake, Brook; Cecille Lake, Rainbow; Ediza Lake, Brook; Iceberg Lake, Brook; Upper Nydiver Lake, Brook; Middle Nydiver Lake, Brook; Lower Nydiver Lake, Brook.

RUSH CREEK DRAINAGE . . .

RUSH CREEK—Agnew Lake, Rainbow; Alger Lake 1-2-3, Golden; Billy Lake, Brook; Carson Lake, Brook; Clarke Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Lower Davis Lake, Brook; Upper Davis Lake, Brook; Fern Lake, Brook; Gem Lake, Rainbow; Grant Lake, Rainbow, Brook, Brown; Island Pass Lake, Rainbow; June Lake, Cutthroat, Rainbow; Lost Lakes, Rainbow; Marie Creek, Brook; Lower Marie Lake, Brook; Upper Marie Lake, Brook; Reverse Creek, Brook; Roger Lake, Brook; Rush Creek, Brook, Rainbow; Silver Lake, Brook; Sullivan Lake, Brook; Waah Lake, Rainbow; Webber Lake, Brook; Yost Lake, Brook.

MONO BASIN DRAINAGE . . .

PARKER CREEK—Parker Lake, Brook.

WALKER CREEK—Lower Sardine Lake, Brook; Upper Sardine Lake, Brook; Little Walker Lake, Brook.

MONO BASIN—Lee Vining Creek (South Fork), Brook; Lee Vining Creek (North Fork), Rainbow.

LEE VINING CREEK—Ellery Lake, Brook; Frog Lake, Brook; Gardicky Lake, Brook; Tioga Lake, Brook; Mine Creek, Brook; Saddlebag Lake, Brook; Slate Creek, Rainbow; Warren Creek, Brook; Wasco Lake, Brook; Z Lake, Brook; Thimble Lake, Brook; Lower Conness Lake, Golden; Middle Conness Lake, Golden; Upper Conness Lake, Golden.

MINE CREEK—Fantail Lake, Brook; Shell Lake, Brook; Spuller Lake, Brook.

MONO LAKE—Mill Creek, Brook.

SLATE CREEK—Alpine Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Green Lake, Brook; Moule Lake, Brook; Treble Lake, Brook.

MILL CREEK—Blue Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Ida Lake, Brook; Oneida Lake, Brook; Upper Bruno Lake, Brook; Cascade Lake, Rainbow; East Lake, Rainbow; Excelsior Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Shamrock Lake, Brook; Little Steelhead Lake, Brook.

GREEN CREEK—Dana Lake, Brook; Dynamo Lake, Rainbow; Gilman Lake, Rainbow; Green Lake, Brook; Lower Hoover Lake, Brook; Upper Hoover Lake, Brook; Nutter Lake, Rainbow; Page Lake, Rainbow; Summers Creek, Brook; Summit Lake, Brook; West Lake, Rainbow.

VIRGINIA CREEK—Blue Lake, Brook; Cooney Lake, Brook; Dunderburg Creek, Brook; Lower Frog Lake, Brook; Middle Frog Lake, Brook; Upper Frog Lake, Brook; Moat Lake, Brook; Red Lake, Brook; Trumbull Lake, Brook; Lower Virginia Lake, Brown; Upper Virginia Lake, Brown.

EAST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

EAST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Green Creek, Brook and Brown; Virginia Creek, Brook; Bridgeport Reservoir, Brown; Lower Buckeye Creek, Brown; Upper Buckeye Creek, Brook; Glacier Lake, Brook; Glenberry Lake, Brook; Horse Canyon Creek, Brook; Horse Canyon Lake, Brook; Hunnewill Lake, Brook; Ice Lake, Brook; Lone Valley Creek, Brook; Maltby Lake, Brook; Mormon Creek, Brook; Murphy Creek, Rainbow; Rough Creek, Rainbow; Swager Creek, Brook; Sweetwater Creek, Brook; Robinson Creek, Rainbow; Tamarack Lake, Brook; Turquoise Lake, Brook; Lower Twin Lakes, Rainbow; Upper Twin Lakes, Rainbow.

ROBINSON CREEK—Barney Lake, Brook; Crown Lake, Rainbow; Eagle Creek, Brook; Peeler Lake, Rainbow and Brook; Snow Lake, Rainbow; Tamarack Creek, Brook.

WEST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

WEST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Anna Lake, Golden; Beartrap Lake, Brook; Bench Lake, Brook; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Bonnie Lake, Rainbow; Borda Lake, Rainbow; Butts Lake, Rainbow; Carmen Lake, Brook; Cinko Lake, Rainbow; Cora Lake, Rainbow; Deep Creek, Brook; Little Deep Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, (East Fork), Brook; Frances Lake, Brook; Fremont Lake, Rainbow; Frying Pan Creek, Brook; Emma Lake, Rainbow; Grizzley Lake, Golden; Harriet Lake, Rainbow; Harding Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Kirkwood Lake, Brook; Lone Lake, Brook; Leavitt Creek, Rainbow; Leavitt Lake, Rainbow; Mill Canyon Creek, Brook; Millie Lake, Brook; Poore Lake, Brook; Red Top Lake, Brook; Roosevelt Lake, Brook; Ruth Lake, Brook; Silver Creek, Rainbow; Brown, Brook, and Cutthroat; Slinkard Creek, Brook; Stella Lake, Brook; Little West Walker, Brook and Rainbow; Wolf Creek, Rainbow.

LITTLE WEST WALKER TRIBUTARIES—Lewis Lake, Brook; Molybdenite Creek, Brook; McMillan Lake, Brook.



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 - a. Clean your fish in camp. Burn or bury refuse or place in garbage cans.
 - b. Do not bathe or wash clothes in streams or lakes unless so posted or authorized by local Ranger.
 - c. Do not throw trash of any kind into lakes or streams.
4. Do not injure trees by driving nails or attaching boxes or structures to tree trunks. Do not cut green trees or shrubs. Do not damage forest signs.
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6. Break your burned match in two. Stamp out burning tobacco in mineral earth when discarding. Smoke only while stopped in a clear spot.
7. Build campfires in cleared areas only. Extinguish your campfire with plenty of water and stir the coals until they are cold.
8. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a short time.
9. Be considerate of other campers by not monopolizing the camp tables. One camp table per party.
10. Do not attach house trailer water connection to campground water hydrant, nor dump sink drainage on ground. Trailer toilets and showers must not be operated on public campgrounds.
11. Do not stay at a camp longer than the occupancy period posted at the campground entrance.
12. Be sure you have a campfire permit. You can secure one from any Forest Service office, or leading sporting goods stores in forest areas. Be sure to comply with the rules on the back of the permit.

Here's Your List of Inyo-Mono's Public Camp Grounds

More than 100 public camp grounds, set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service, are located throughout the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests in Inyo and Mono counties. These camps, varying in size from small picnic spots to areas where sportsmen and their families can spend days and weeks, are scattered throughout the High Sierra, near to the popular fishing and vacation areas.

Generally speaking, the public camps are open from May 1 to September 15. Before and after these dates the campgrounds are usually closed. Camp sites located higher than 6,000 feet elevation usually have freezing nights before June 15 and after September 1 in normal years. Those over 8,000 feet often may have freezing nights the year around.

Swimming is allowed only in designated areas, including Devil's Postpile National Monument, Horseshoe Lake (near Mammoth campgrounds), June Lake, and Mono Lake (salt water). Fishing is regulated by the Department of Fish and Game.

Condition of the camps is expected to be much better than last year when a curtailment of federal funds made the job of the Forest Service almost impossible. However, under difficult conditions, they did a fine job, campers report.

"Maintaining the campgrounds is always a problem," W. S. "Slim" Davis, supervisor of the Inyo National Forest, pointed out. "We need the cooperation of everyone to keep them clean and sanitary," he added.

Supervisor Davis joined with Supervisor Ivan Sack of the Toiyabe National Forest in urging sportsmen to follow the "rules for Campers" which appear on these pages.

A complete listing and description of the public campgrounds in Inyo-Mono is included below:

Inyo National Forest...

LONE PINE AREA...

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Located 10 miles south and 4 miles west of Lone Pine near Cottonwood Pack Station, the gateway to the Cottonwood Lakes high country. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Dirt road from main highway. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing.

WHITNEY PORTAL—Located 13 miles west of Lone Pine on Lone Pine Creek. Good oiled road, rather steep but passable. 60 camps with stoves,

tables and toilets. Fairly level camping space. Piped and stream water. Beginning of Mt. Whitney trail. Supplies at Lone Pine. Small store at Whitney Portal Pack Station during July and August. Elevation 8000 feet. View of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in continental United States. Fishing, picnicking.

INDEPENDENCE AREA...

GRAY'S MEADOW—Located 6 miles west of Independence. Good oiled road. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level camping space. Stream water. Supplies at Independence. Elevation 6500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

ONION VALLEY—At the road terminus from Independence west toward Kearsarge Pass. 8 camps with tables and stoves. Stream water. It is 15 miles from Independence—the nearest supplies; a steep road with many switchbacks. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking. Pack station serving Kearsarge Pass is adjacent to campground.

OAK CREEK—Located 4 miles west of Fort Independence on the North Fork of Oak Creek. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water; good dirt road from Fish Hatchery. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

BIG PINE AREA...

BIG PINE CREEK—Located 10 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 40 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 7900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

FIRST FALLS—On Big Pine Creek, 1 mile west of Glacier Lodge at beginning of trail to Palisade Glacier. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 8500 feet. Palisade Glacier, southernmost in continental United States, reached from here via 12 mile trail; Glacier Pack Station. Fishing, hunting.

BISHOP CREEK AREA...

BIG TREES—On Bishop Creek, 13 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 1—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 15 miles southwest of Bishop. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level ground. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 8100 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 2—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, rather narrow. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Fairly level ground. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 3—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campground. Stream water. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 4—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campground. Supplies at Parcher's Rainbow Camp. Elevation 8700 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 5—On south fork of Bishop

Creek, 20 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

LA HUPP—On south fork of Bishop Creek, near South Lake, 21 miles southwest of Bishop. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camp space. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH LAKE—A rough camping space located on the south fork of Bishop Creek at South Lake, 22 miles southwest of Bishop. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and spring water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9700 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

BISHOP PARK—Located on the middle fork of Bishop Creek, 16 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camping space. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

LAKE SABRINA—On middle fork of Bishop Creek near Lake Sabrina, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, but narrow. 11 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

NORTH LAKE—Located on the north fork of Bishop Creek near North Lake, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. 16 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campgrounds. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

PINE CREEK—Pine Creek is closed to public camping due to industrial development.

ROCK CREEK AREA . . .

LOWER ROCK CREEK—On Rock Creek near Tom's Place, 26 miles north of Bishop near U. S. 395. 30 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

IRIS MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4 miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8300 feet. Fishing, hunting.

BIG MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek 4½ miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PALISADE—On Rock Creek, 5 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

EAST FORK—Located along Rock Creek, 6 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 14 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level camp sites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PINE GROVE—On Rock Creek 8 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge nearby. Elevation 9300 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—On Rock Creek & Rock Creek Lake, 11 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and lake water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 9600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating.

MOSQUITO FLAT—Located along Rock Creek, 12 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campsites. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 10,000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

CONVICT LAKE AREA . . .

CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK—Located at Convict Lake and along Convict Creek, 5 miles south-

west of Mammoth Junction and 2 miles west of U. S. 395. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake, spring and stream water. Oiled road. Supplies at Convict Lake Resort. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting, boating, picnicking.

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA . . .

MAMMOTH CREEK—Located on Mammoth Creek on old Mammoth Lakes road, 1 mile west of U. S. 395. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Casa Diablo. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHADY REST—Located 4 miles west of U. S. 395 near Mammoth Ranger Station on Mammoth Lakes Highway. 61 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHERWIN CREEK—Located on Sherwin Creek, 3 miles southeast of Mammoth via good dirt road. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7700 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming and boating, 5 miles.

TWIN LAKES—Located on Twin Lakes, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes Highway and 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 58 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Twin Lakes Store. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 2 miles.

LAKE MARY—On Lake Mary, 3 miles west of Mammoth, reached by Mammoth Lakes Highway. 34 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 8900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 1 mile.

LAKE GEORGE—On Lake George, 4 miles west of Mammoth, via Mammoth Lakes Highway. 7 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, boating, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

COLDWATER—On Coldwater Creek at south end of Lake Mary, 4 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 18 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Boating and swimming, 2 miles.

BIG SPRINGS—Located on Owens River 10 miles north of Mammoth and 2 miles east of U. S. 395 on oiled road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Spring water. Supplies at Thompson Ranch. Elevation 7200 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking.

GLASS CREEK—Located 11 miles north of Mammoth Ranger Station, and ¼ mile west of U. S. 395. Near Crestview Resort. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Crestview. Elevation 7300 feet. Hunting, fishing.

REDS MEADOWS AREA . . .

(This area accessible by auto from U. S. Highway 395, Bishop to Lee Vining, turning off at Casa Diablo Hot Springs, past Mammoth Ranger Station and over the Minaret Summit road into Reds Meadows. Accessible by the John Muir Trail from the north and south. Dirt road. Not advisable for house trailers.)

AGNEW MEADOWS—Located 9½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station. Stream water. 9 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Beginning of trails to Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes. Hunting, fishing. Boating 6 miles. Devils Postpile National Monument, 4 miles.

UPPER SODA SPRINGS—Located 10½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

PUMICE FLAT—Located 11½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.



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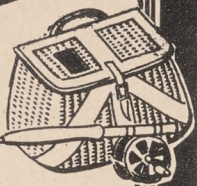
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MINARET FALLS—Located 12½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

DEVILS POSTPILE—Located 13 miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 24 camps with tables, stoves and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. National Monument. Operated by the National Park Service. Fishing, swimming, picnicking.

REDS MEADOW—Located 14 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. Spring and stream water. 62 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Near guard station and Reds Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Hot water tub bathhouse nearby. Also public tourist pasture. Supplies available at Reds Meadow Store. Elevation 8000 feet. Fishing, hunting.

JUNE LAKE AREA...

GULL LAKE—Within 1 hour drive of ghost town of Bodie, over fair road. One-half hour drive to Mono Craters and Mono Lake. Adjacent to Gull Lake, reached by paved road 4 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 24 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water supply. Toilet facilities. Stores and supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 feet. Hunting, boating, fishing, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

SILVER LAKE—Adjacent to Silver Lake, reached by paved road 8 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 17 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water, toilet facilities. Store supplies and pack station adjacent. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting.

RUSH CREEK—Along Rush Creek between Silver and Grant Lakes, reached by paved road 8 to 10 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 43 camp sites scattered and in groups along 2½ miles of Rush Creek. Toilet facilities. Stores, supplies and pack trains nearby. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, hunting, fishing, picnicking.

JUNE LAKE—Adjacent to June Lake, reached by paved road 2 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 27 camps, piped water, toilet facilities, store, supplies and boats adjacent. Elevation 7600 feet. Boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA PASS AREA...

LEE VINING—Situated along Lee Vining Creek 1 mile west of Highway 395 on the Tioga Pass Highway. 35 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities. Stores and supplies 1½ miles east at town of Lee Vining. Elevation 7200 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles, in Mono Lake (salt water).

SADDLEBAG LAKE—On Saddlebag Lake, reached by fair dirt road 2 miles from Tioga Pass Highway at a point 12 miles west of Highway 395. 10 camps with stoves and tables; Toilet facilities. Boats adjacent. Store and supplies on Tioga Pass Highway. Elevation 10,000 feet. Boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking. Entrance to Hoover Wild Area.

ELLERY LAKE—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park Boundary. 8 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities. Adjacent to Lee Vining Creek and Ellery Lake; store, supplies and boats nearby. Elevation 9400 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting, hiking.

TIOGA JUNCTION—On Tioga Pass Highway, 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park on the junction of Lee Vining Creek and Mine Creek. 4 excellent camps with tables, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA LAKE—Situated adjacent to Tioga Lake on Tioga Pass Highway, 13 miles west of Highway 395, and one mile east of Yosemite National Park boundary. 3 camp sites, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, hiking.

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VIRGINIA LAKES AREA...

TRUMBULL LAKE AREA—Located on Virginia Creek, 5 miles west of Conway Summit which is on Highway 395, via the Virginia Creek road. 40 stoves, 55 tables and benches, piped and stream water. Level campground with trailer space and toilet facilities. Virginia Lake Resort nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation, 9960 feet.

GREEN CREEK AREA...

GREEN CREEK CAMP—Located on Green Creek, 15 miles south and west of Bridgeport via Highway 395 and the Green Creek road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream water. Green Creek Resort with store, supplies, cabins and pack train nearby. Elevation 7500 feet.

TWIN LAKES AREA...

HONEYMOON FLAT—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 11 miles on the Twin Lakes road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

ROBINSON CREEK—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 5 stoves, 9 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

LOWER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 4 stoves, 6 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 15 miles on the Twin Lakes road. This is a private camp with stoves, tables, toilet facilities, trailer space and cabins. Resort with store, supplies and boats at the camp on Upper Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7100 feet.

BRIDGEPORT-TOPAZ AREA...

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR AND EAST WALKER RIVER—Located 3 miles north of Bridgeport on Highway 22. No developed camps in this area. Motels, hotels, stores and supplies at Bridgeport. Boats on the Reservoir. Elevation 6400 feet.

WEST WALKER RIVER—Sonora Bridge located on the West Walker River, 1 mile west of the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. Partly developed. 12 stoves, 12 tables and benches, piped water. Supplies at Fales Hot Springs on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Pack trains at Devils Gate on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Elevation 6800 feet.

LEAVITT MEADOWS—Located on West Walker River 7 miles west of Junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. 15 stoves, 15 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Leavitt Meadow Lodge nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

CHRIS FLAT—Located on the West Walker River three miles below the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 395. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Store and supplies at Coleville, 12 miles down river on Highway 395. Elevation 6500 feet.

COLEVILLE—No developed camps in this area. A number of motels with store and supplies and three pack trains. Lost Canyon Trail into Lost Canyon. Boats available on Topaz Lake, also motels, store and supplies. Elevation 5000 feet.

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As the tourist enters the Owens Valley, he little realizes that from these towering mountains to the west flow some of California's finest trout streams; that in the nearby back-country there are broad, lush meadows, beautiful and rugged lakes, and rushing streams filled with several species of trout.

Several pack stations and airports serve the southern end of the Valley. The fisherman can take his choice of riding a horse over the mountains to the fishing paradise

a few miles to the west or he can have one of the local fliers take him into Monache or Tunnel Meadows where pack animals are available for further penetrations of the primeval back-country. Here is the home of the famous Golden Trout, a "real gone" fighter.

However, one need not go into the back-country to get good fishing. Most of the streams flowing eastward from the High Sierra provide good angling, especially in the first part of the season when the smaller streams are running plenty of water.

The Olancho-Lone Pine area boasts several fine motels and hotels, its restaurants are excellent, and its stores and service stations are happy to serve fishermen and tourists with their vacation needs and with the latest reports on fishing in the Southern Inyo County area.

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• Mt. Whitney, highest peak in Continental United States, is pictured on page 27, denoting the beginning of the Olancho-Lone Pine section of this 1954 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. This interesting photograph was taken from the road to Whitney Portal where Mt. Whitney actually looks lower than some of the peaks nearer the camera. But don't you believe it! Mt. Whitney, in all its grandeur, officially rises 14,496 feet. More than 1,400 hikers successfully reached its summit during the 1953 season. (Dept. of Water & Power Photo).



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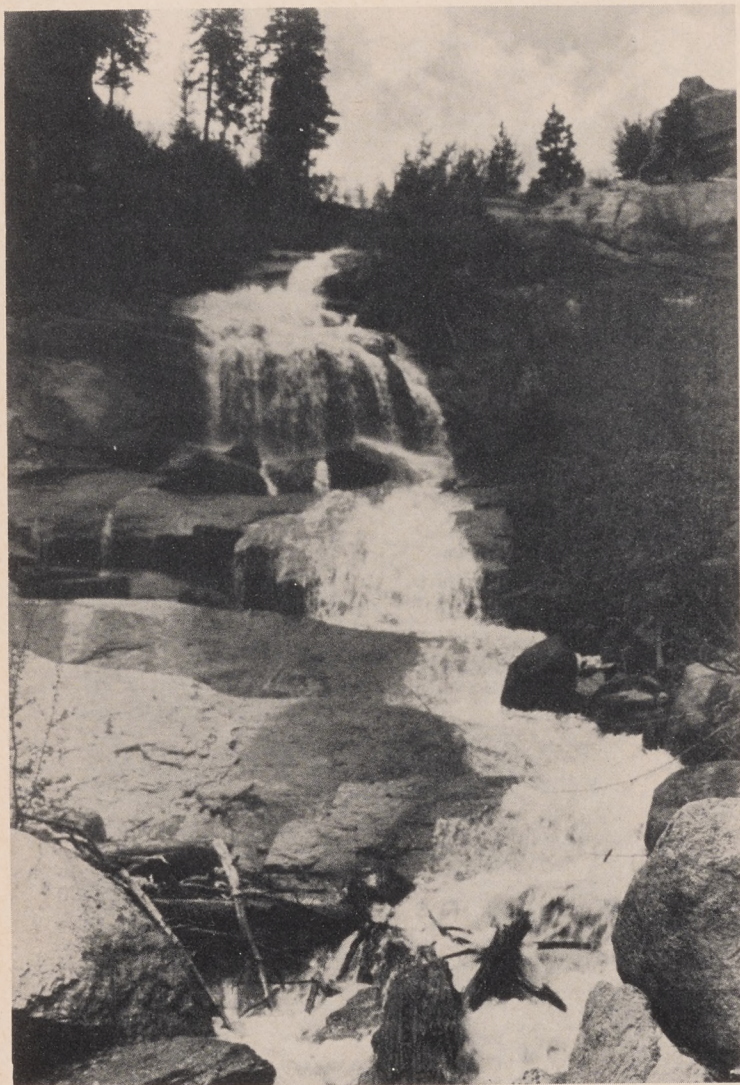
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• Gary Busch of Lone Pine tries a little fishing on Lone Pine Creek, just west of town. This popular stream is heavily planted with catchable-size trout each year and fishing is usually good. Gary is a good fisherman, and gets results. *Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt.*



• One of the best-known scenic spots in the Lone Pine area is at Whitney Portal where the waterfall, shown above, is a picturesque sight. Located 14 miles west of Lone Pine, it can be readily reached by car. At the Portal is located the beginning of the famous Mt. Whitney Trail which extends to the top of the United States' highest peak. Last year more than 5,000 people were registered in the visitors' book at The Portal. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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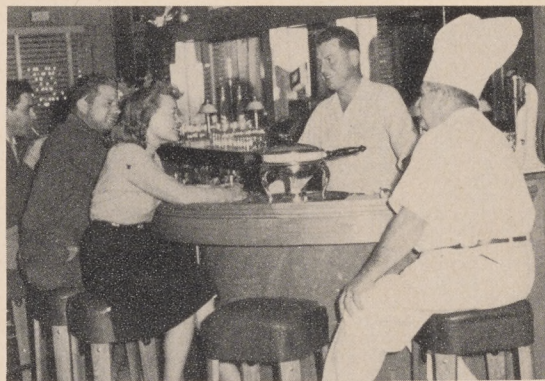
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• The back-country around the Lone Pine-Olancho area is strewn with beautiful lakes, most of which are excellent fishing. The one above is Moraine Lake, located just west of the Kern River, inside the bound-

aries of the Sequoia National Park. In the background are the Kaweah Peaks, rising nearly 14,000 feet into the air. Moraine Lake and others in this vicinity can be reached by pack train. *Fraser's Photo.*

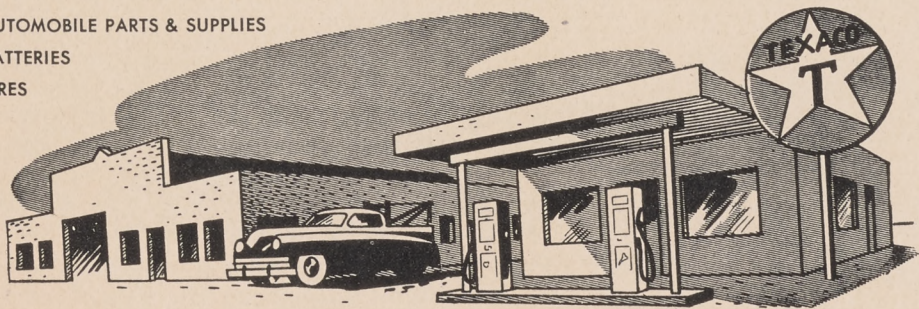


• A pack train is pictured here crossing Mulkey Meadows on the way into Tunnel Meadows and more Lone Pine-Olancho

back country. The trip appears easy here. Some of the finest Golden Trout country is reached west of here. *Fraser's Photo.*

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• If it's Golden Trout you want, you'll find them on Golden Trout Creek, pictured here as it crosses Little Whitney Meadows in the back-country above Lone Pine and Olancho. These trout, possibly the most beautiful of all species, make their home

here. Pack trains are available to take parties in to this area. Many parties who wish to fish this stream, and others in the area, fly into the Tunnel Air Strip and pack on in from there. You'll enjoy fishing for these Golden Trout. *Fraser's Photo.*



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• Many anglers prefer to get their Golden Trout from the Cottonwood Lakes, which are also reached by pack train from Southern Inyo County. There are six Cottonwood Lakes, all joined, and all are good

Golden Trout fishing. In addition to the natural propagation, the Department of Fish and Game replenishes the lake with Golden fingerlings. Nearby is the Golden Trout Camp. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

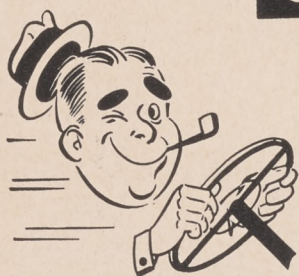


• Lone Pine Lake, located about 15 miles west of the Town of Lone Pine near Whitney Portal, is scenic and good fishing, too, as the picture above indicates. Many fine

catches are reported regularly here and the lake shore provides ideal spots for picnicking and camping. Department of Fish and Game is maintaining the Rainbow Trout

species in the lake and every year makes sizeable plants of fingerlings which mature into excellent fish. It's located on the famous Mt. Whitney trail. *Fraser's Photo.*

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• The Alabama Hills provide an ideal setting for many movies and a lot of them are filmed in this region. Here is a scene from the Twentieth-Century Fox Cinemascope "King of the Khyber Rifles," which was "shot" here in the summer of 1953. Tyrone Power, the star, may be seen in foreground. It's a fine picture, have you seen it?



• Many Western thrillers are filmed in the Lone Pine area. Pictured above is a typical scene from one of those made by Columbia Studios last year, "The Stranger Wore a Gun," starring Randolph Scott. Most of the Hollywood studios like the High Sierra area.



• Those who have seen "The Long, Long Trailer" may have recognized many scenes taken in the Inyo-Mono area, all the way from Lone Pine on the south to Mammoth Lakes on the north. M-G-M's crew spent considerable time filming in this area last summer.



• These Rainbow Trout, taken on Lone Pine Creek one afternoon last year, were raised at Black Rock Rearing Ponds north of Independence in 1953 and were plant-

ed full size in the creek. These Rainbows are part of a 2,000,000 catchable-size plant in the lakes and streams of Inyo-Mono each year. *Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt.*



• Lake South America, located north and west of Lone Pine in the Sequoia National Park, can be reached by trail. The peaks

in the background are rugged. Elevation of the lake is 12,350 feet and the peaks tower to still greater heights. *Fraser's Photo.*

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• Biggest event of the year in Lone Pine, with the possible exception of the opening day of fishing season, is its annual "Stampede," which is scheduled in 1954 for May 7, 8 and 9. This RCA-approved rodeo attracts top riders from all parts of the West and it lures crowds of spectators. One of the features of the annual Stampede

is a queen contest, and pictured above are the four contestants for the 1953 crown, along with Bev Hunter, pioneer Owens Valley stockman, who acted as grand marshal. The girls, from left to right, are: Bernardine Peterson, Jean Raye Adams, Joan Hill, and Winona Christenson. Miss Adams won the queen title. *Chalfant Press Photo.*



• It isn't difficult to recognize this picture. Nestled among the clouds in the center background is world-famous Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the United States. Towering 14,496 feet, the top of the peak is accessible by trail which starts at Whitney Portal and winds some 13½ miles upwards. Along the way are Lone Pine, Mir-

ror, and Consultation Lakes. Last year more than 5,000 people signed the register at The Portal and about 1,400 signed the list at the top of Mt. Whitney. It is a rugged climb, but many people succeed in making it. After all, it's really "something" to say that you have been on top of the nation's highest peak. *Frasher's Photo.*

• The name tells the story here. It's Upper Rock Creek Lake, high in the back-country of the Lone Pine area. The rocks, from which it gets its name, are plainly in evidence. This lake, like others of high elevation, aren't open for fishing until late because they remain ice-bound. This Rock Creek and Rock Creek Lake are not to be confused with Rock Creek in northern Inyo County, one of the most popular of Inyo-Mono's trout streams. *Fraser's Photo.*



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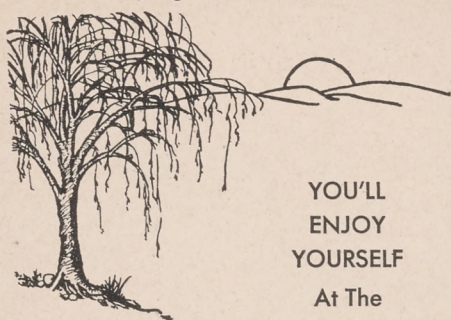
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• On the John Muir Trail west of Lone Pine are pictured Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harris with their pack stock. The couple made a leisurely trip down the famous trail last summer. They are pictured here as they stopped to let their pack horses and mules

take a drink of the cool stream water. The John Muir Trail, probably the most famous in the United States, extends from Tuolumne Meadows on the north to Mt. Whitney summit on the south. Hundreds of people traverse the trail every summer.



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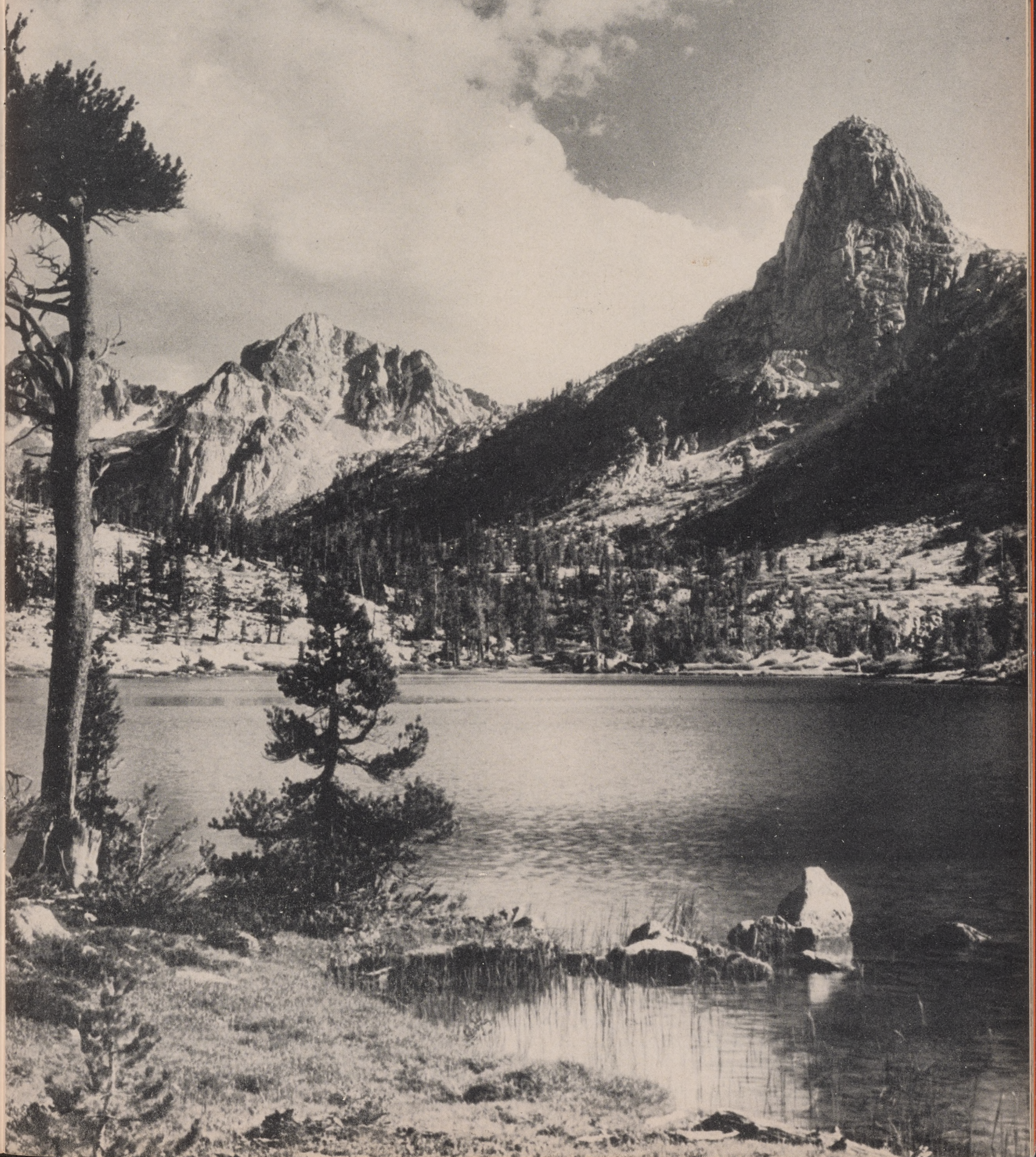


• The Alabama Hills, just west of Lone Pine, are one of the most famous landmarks of the area. Many geologists consider them extremely old. Their formation is unusual and movie companies find them

ideal for making some of their pictures, especially Westerns. Oftentimes you'll find scores of moving picture stars, extras, and camera crews in town when a studio is making a movie. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

Independence-Big Pine Section

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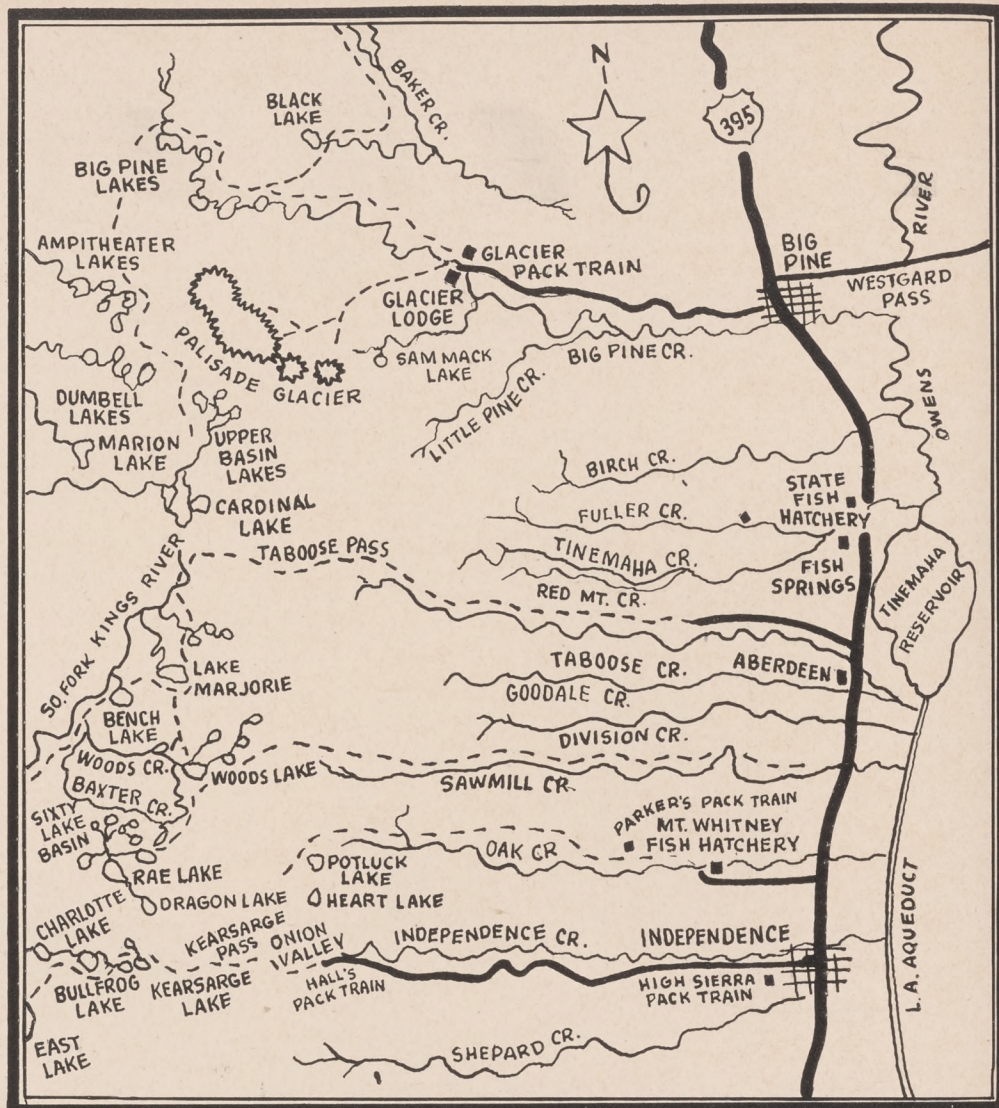
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West from Independence are Kearsarge and Shepherd Passes, which enable hikers and pack trains to penetrate the high country lakes and streams which are scattered through the mountain area to the west. Sawmill Pass is slightly north.

Smaller streams, all regularly planted with catchable-size trout, flow eastward from the mountains and provide readily accessible fishing near the highways.

Independence merchants are adequately stocked with supplies for fishermen and vacationists, and are friendly and helpful.

Some 27 miles north of Independence, on Highways 395 and 6, is located the thriving town of Big Pine. A good paved road extends from the downtown area westward along Big Pine Creek as far as Glacier Lodge where some of the most scenic lakes and streams in Inyo-Mono are located. There's plenty of good fishing there, too.

Farther up the mountains may be seen the famous Palisade Glacier, southernmost glacier in the United States. This natural phenomenon, as well as many back-country lakes, can be reached by hiking and packing from the Glacier Lodge area.

The Fish Springs Hatchery is located along the highway south of town.

Big Pine has good restaurants, stores, and service stations which are ready to help the tourist in any way possible.

On Preceding Page . . .

• Dragon Peak and Fin Dome are pictured across beautiful Rae Lake on page 39, marking the beginning of the Independence-Big Pine section of this book. Rae Lake is located in the back country west and north of Independence, near the famed John Muir Trail which traverses the Sierras from north to south along its crest. Elevation of Rae Lake is 10,560 feet. Fishing is good in this beautiful area. (Photo by Frasher's, Pomona).



• In the back-country north west of Independence, near Sawmill Pass, is the beautiful and fishable Woods Lake. Its elevation is listed as 10,669 feet. Woods Lake, like others in the area, provide good fishing for those who wish to pack or hike in to the area. And the trip is beautiful all the way. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Kearsarge Lakes are in the foreground of this picture and the Kearsarge Pinnacles tower in the background. Located southwest of Independence in the high back-country, they are popular spots for fishermen and campers. They're accessible from the Kearsarge Pass Trail and also from the John Muir Trail. *Fraser's Photo.*



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Independence-Big Pine . . .



• Some of the most beautiful of High Sierra scenery can be seen from Highways 395 and 6 as they stretch north and south through Inyo-Mono. The picture above was taken from the highway just north of Independence. The snow-capped Sierra peaks are beautifully framed by the trees. *Department of Water and Power Photo.*



• The Mt. Whitney Hatchery, located at Fort Independence, is one of the most important fish-producing plants in the state. More than 3,000,000 trout are hatched here yearly and are planted in Inyo-Mono streams and lakes. Mt. Whitney Hatchery concentrates on the production of fingerlings. *Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt.*



• Bullfrog Lake is another one of the back-country waters located almost directly west of Independence along the Kear-

sarge Pass Trail. The wooded areas along its shores and scenic peaks make it a popular vacation spot. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• One of the landmarks of downtown Independence, of course, is the Inyo County Courthouse which houses many of the important county offices. Inyo is the second largest county (in area) in the State of

California. Also located in the courthouse is the Eastern Sierra Museum which contains many relics of the early days, when much of Inyo County was a fabulous mining area. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Sixty Lake Basin is another popular fishing area in the back-country almost due west of Independence, across the

Sierra Crest. Many lakes dot the area, all of them good for fishing. A half dozen, or more, are shown. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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• Jackie Cheeseman of Bishop, an avid angler, is pictured here as she hooks on to a 10-inch Eastern Brook Trout in a beaver pond on Baker Creek in the back-country between Big Pine and Bishop. Lots of fishermen like to fish the lakes and streams in this Coyote country, and their luck is usually good. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



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• Anglers from all parts of the state come to fish on the Middle Fork of the King's River, pictured above. This lengthy stream provides excellent trout fishing throughout the season and can be reached by several trails. Note the rugged peaks in the background of this interesting river picture. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Some of the most scenic lakes and streams in the entire Inyo-Mono area are found above Big Pine. Pictured above is Fifth Lake (one of the Big Pine Lakes group) with Mt. Sill towering more than 14,000 feet in the background. This lake can be reached by a 10-minute hike from the Lake Lodge. *Photo by Al Hove.*



• Sixth and Seventh Lakes (of the Big Pine Lakes group) are pictured here, with Temple Crag at the right. This group of lakes drains the extremely high mountains west of Big Pine, including the famed Palisade Glacier which can be reached by trail from the Lake Lodge above Glacier Lodge in the High Sierra. *Photo by Al Hove.*



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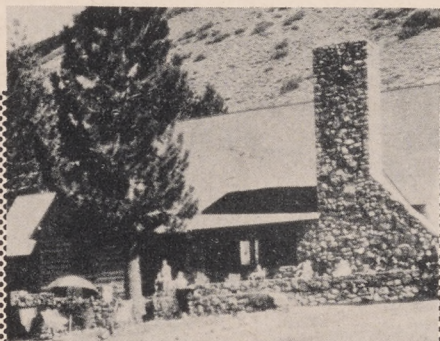
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• Here's a scenic shot of First Lake, another one of the Big Pine Lakes group, in the country behind the Town of Big Pine. The massive rocks in the foreground, the trees and snow-capped peaks in the back-

ground, make it extremely beautiful. The Big Pine Lakes can be reached by trail without too much difficulty from the end on the surfaced road which extends west from Big Pine. *Frasher's Photo, Pomona.*



• The Palisade Glacier (at the extreme top right) is one of the best known works of Nature in Inyo-Mono. The most southerly glacier in the United States, it is an-

nually visited by many tourists. A pack group (in the foreground) pauses alongside one of the Big Pine Lakes as the riders tour this ruggedly beautiful country.

Bishop Rock Creek Section

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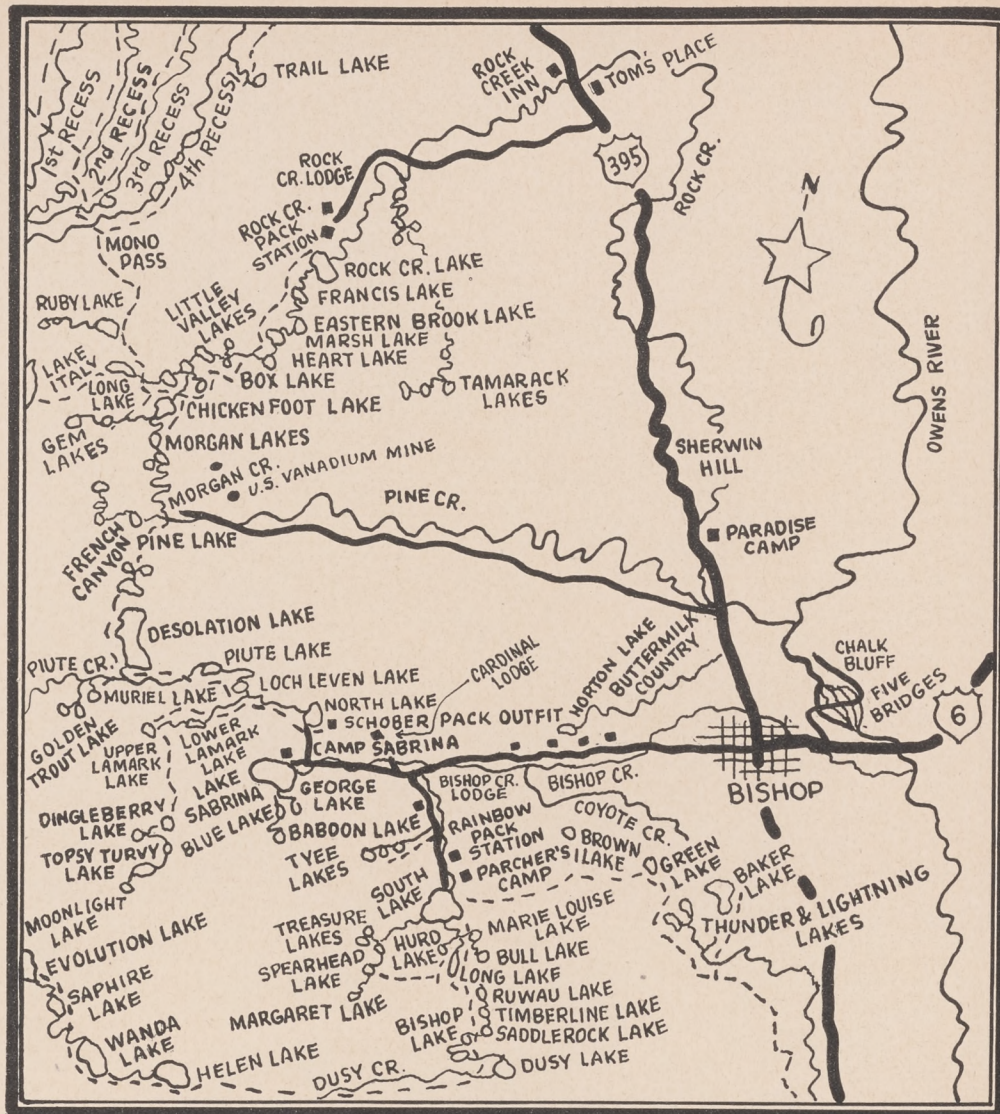
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Bishop-Rock Creek Section

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There's plenty of good fishing in the Bishop-Rock Creek area, too, as hundreds of anglers find out every year. West of town, on a good paved highway, are located Lake Sabrina, South Lake, North Lake, and a host of back-country waters accessible by trail. Rainbow and Schober's pack outfits serve this area.

Bishop Creek itself, tumbling downward from these three high elevation lakes, provides excellent fishing almost its entire length. And, of course, many prefer the Owens River, east and north of town.

As you go on farther northward, along the eastern slopes of the High Sierra, there is plenty of good fishing—especially at Rock Creek which is readily accessible from the highway in many places. Because this stream is fished so heavily each year, the Department of Fish and Game is continually planting it with catchable-size trout.

Angling is good on Rock Creek, almost its entire length. And higher up there is Rock Creek Lake and scores of other fine back-country waters which provide excellent sport for those who hike or pack in. Rock Creek Pack Station, and McGee Creek Pack Station farther north, serve the enchanting back-country there.

Camps and resorts are spaced along the highway to provide facilities for fishermen and tourists. Some of the finest mountain scenery can be seen from the highway.

On Preceding Page . . .

• Bishop Creek, always considered one of the major Inyo-Mono streams, is pictured on page 47. Power companies early took advantage of its size to establish reservoirs and generating plants along its course. Nevertheless, it is good fishing for almost the length of its entire course which extends from Lake Sabrina, South Lake, and North Lake to the Owens River. The picture on the preceding page is quite typical. (Fraser's Photo, Pomona)

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• Everyone gets a kick out of trout fishing, even the youngsters. Here Suzette Marie Donnellan of Bishop is shown as she tries to coax one of the finny monsters on to her line on Bishop Creek last summer. The picture was snapped by her mother, Mrs. Ruth F. Donnelan. The Izaak Walton League has made sure that the youngsters have a chance to fish in their own stream so they have set aside a portion of Bishop Creek west of the Town of Bishop.



• The high country to the west of Bishop, over any one of a number of passes, is dotted with small lakes. Some of them are quite easy to reach; others more difficult. The one pictured above is known simply as Little Lake. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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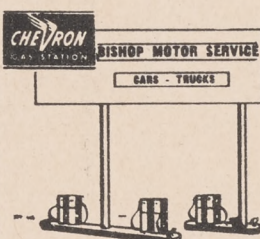
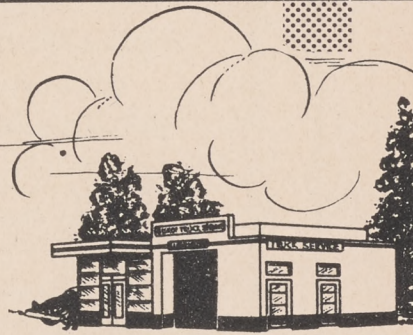
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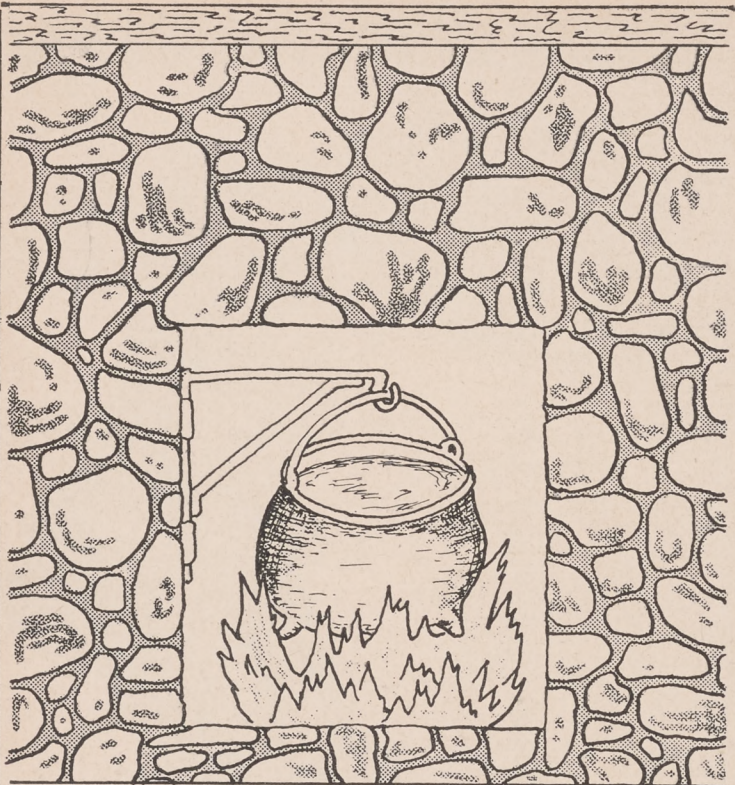
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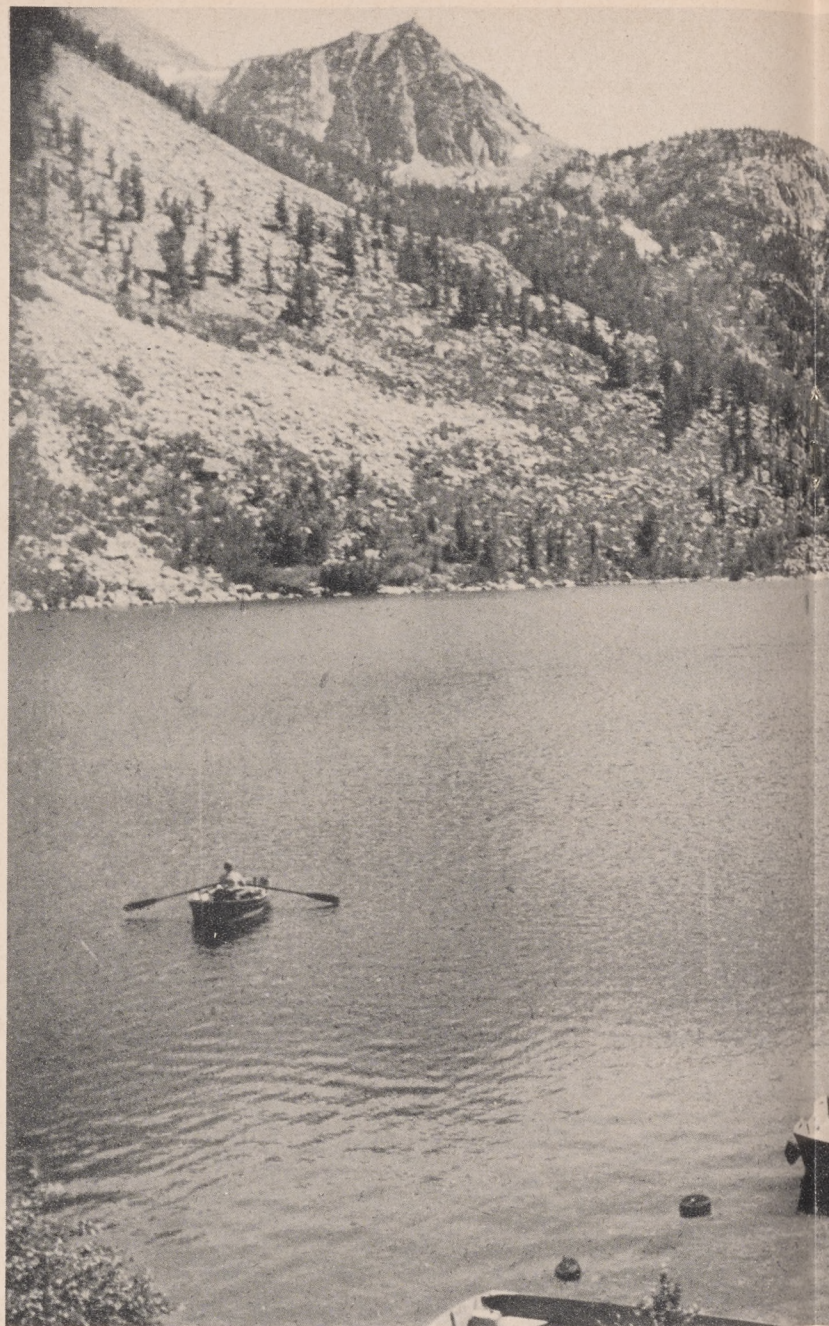
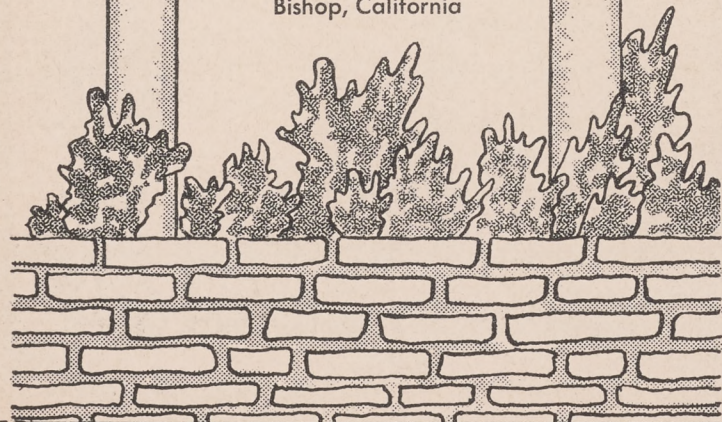
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• Lake Sabrina (pictured above) is the favorite fishing spot for hundreds of anglers who come to the Bishop area each summer. Located 18 miles west of the City of Bishop, it is readily accessible during the summer months by good surfaced road. Lake Sabrina is tributary to the Middle Fork of Bishop Creek, a stream which is used by the California Electric Company for the manufacture of power. It is very deep (210 feet in some places) and it has a surface area of 200 acres. There are lots of trout in Lake Sabrina and most everyone who takes the trip up there has some luck. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants 30,000 catchable-size Rainbows here to insure the best possible fishing. *Frasher's Photo.*

• Another popular place for anglers in the Bishop area is Rock Creek at Mosquito Flats, pictured here on the left. Rock Creek, much of which is directly adjacent to Highway 395, is one of the most heavily fished of all Inyo-Mono streams because it is so accessible. The Department of Fish and Game cooperates by planting it heavily all during the season with some 50,000 catchable-size trout. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



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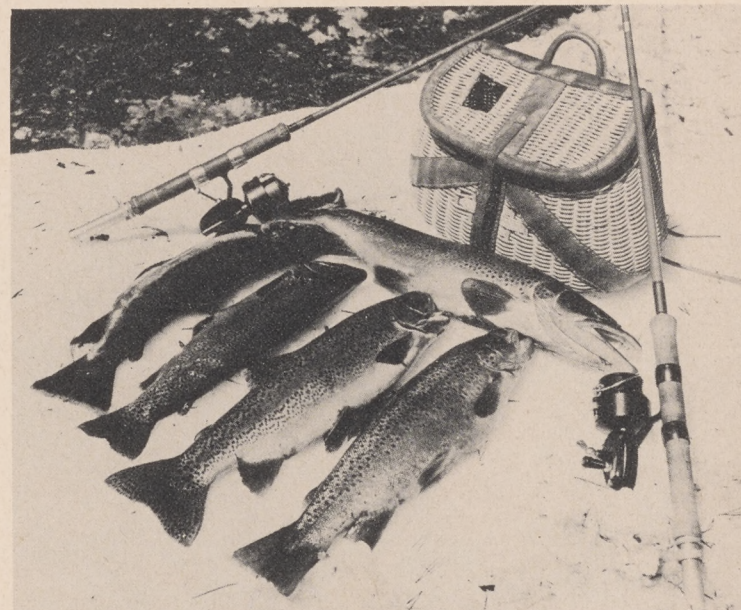
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• Blue Lake, shown above, was one of the better back-country lakes in the Bishop area last year. Those anglers who hiked up the trail from Sabrina usually came back with their limits. There are lots of "Brookies" in Blue Lake, too. *Frasher's Photo, Pomona.*



• What a nice limit of trout! And what an artistic picture, too. Catches like this are not uncommon in the lakes and streams of the Bishop-Rock Creek area. If you like the back-country, you can hike or pack into some very good fishing across Bishop and Piute Pass. Its beautiful scenery, too. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Here's another well-known back-country lake. It is called Loch Leven Lake and many of you will recognize Piute Pass in the background. There are lots of Brown Trout in this lake but the Department is now planting it with Rainbows. *Frasher's Photo.*



• South Lake is another good fishing lake which is known far and wide. Hundreds of anglers visit it year after year and their results usually justify their trip. South Lake is 25 miles west of Bishop on a good surfaced road, so anglers find it readily reachable. Its surface is 100 acres and its elevation is 9,750 feet. Ice usually lingers late on its surface, and it isn't legally open until May 30. But after Memorial Day

every year, South Lake gets a big play and lots of fish are caught. Parcher's Camp is located at South Lake and so is the Rainbow Pack Station. Supplies can be purchased at the camp, as well as meals, lodging etc. The pack train is available for trips into the many lakes and streams located farther in the back country. South Lake enthusiasts look forward to a good summer season. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• North Lake is another of the good fishing spots located 22 miles west of Bishop on a good surfaced road. While not as large and deep as South Lake, nevertheless, it provides good fishing which sometimes is really "hot". The Department of

Fish and Game annually plants it with 6,000 Rainbow "catchables" and many of these grow into pretty good size if they are not taken right away. Cardinal Lodge is located in this vicinity and Schober's Pack Train is nearby. *Fraser's Photo.*

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• If it's scenery you want, you'll find a lot of it in Inyo-Mono. Almost any way you turn, you'll be inspired by breath-taking panoramas. One of the favorite sights of

many visitors is massive Mt. Tom, north and west of Bishop. Here the photographer caught it from the Sherwin Grade on the north. With the tree framing the pic-

ture at the left, and the heavy cloud formations behind Mt. Tom, it is indeed a beautiful sight. Mt. Tom area abounds in tungsten production. *Fraser's Photo.*

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• In a beautiful setting of green trees and rushing water, a pretty summer visitor from Southern California enjoys her fishing on popular Rock Creek near the Rock Creek Lodge. This stream is heavily fished, but anglers usually have good luck, especially in the upper areas where anglers are fewer. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• Looking over the emerald waters of Long and Box Lake in the Rock Creek Lakes Basin are two young back-packers on a summer vacation in the High Sierra. They are Dick Whitehurst and Gordon Waterfall, both of Glendale. Many young people leisurely hike the mountain trails throughout the season, camping out along the way in the many choice spots available. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*

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• When you stop to consider that there are more than 800 lakes and streams in Inyo-Mono, and countless others in the National Parks directly adjacent, you will probably wonder how all these lakes were named,

anyway. Some of them have very peculiar names, but Saddlerock (pictured above) at least has some excuse for its name. The "saddle rock" is plainly visible jutting out in the lake. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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• Although it may not be plainly evident from this picture, Long Lake was named because it is actually a long lake. Located in the Bishop back-country, it is reached

by hiking or by pack train. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants Rainbow fingerlings in this lake, and many fine catches are reported. *Fraser's Photo.*

Gliders Soar High On Sierra Wave

• Owens Valley is world famous for the "Sierra Wave," a peculiar updraft from the Eastern Slopes of the High Sierras which enables glider pilots to set new altitude marks. Both the single-place and double-place altitude records were established at Bishop during the past three years. The single-place record of 42,100 feet was set by Bill Ivans of San Diego in 1950 and the two-place glider record of 44,250 feet, was established in 1951 by Larry Edgar, now residing in Tennessee. Bob Symons of Bishop, who formerly held the world altitude record of 38,000 feet, is pictured at the right soaring high above the mountain tops in his glider. Many glider enthusiasts from all parts of the United States are expected to stop at Bishop to try the "Sierra Wave" on their way to and from the national glider championships which will be held the last week of July and the first week of August in 1954 at Lake Elsinore. Bishop is located on U. S. Highways 6 & 395.



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• Rainbow Day display, held annually on the parking lot of Tony's Service Station in Bishop, is always a big event for opening day fishermen. Sponsored by the Rainbow Club of Inyo-Mono, the event affords the opportunity for all the fishermen to display their catches and to receive valuable prizes. Here Leon Talbott, John F. Janssen, and Arthur Hensley look over one of the displays entered in the lively competition held in 1953. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



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• Tom Henderson is quite a man. Not only is he a good fisherman, but he is an outstanding photographer and a good angling writer. He is pictured here in one of his favorite spots on Bishop Creek. Several of the pictures in this book were taken by Henderson. He has had several articles published, the most recent being in Sports Afield's Fishing Yearbook for 1954. *Photo by Nancy Henderson.*



• Ruwau Lake, located high in the back country to the west and south of Bishop, is another one of those favorite spots for the anglers who like to pack in. Those who

make the trip can usually count on their limit of fish. There are lots of Eastern Brook Trout in Ruwau Lake, and it is planted with Rainbows. *Fraser's Photo.*



• The pack horses stop for a rest at the edge of Chocolate Lake, another high elevation lake, as their riders take a try at fishing. There are three lakes in the Choco-

late Lake group, and all are good fishing. The Department of Fish and Game plants Eastern Brook fingerlings there, and many attain large size. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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• One of the big events of the fair and rodeo in Bishop each year is the parade which features floats and mounted groups. This is a picture of the famous train of the Inyo-Mono 40 et 8. It has toured California and Nevada towns and cities where it has won many trophies and prizes in parade competition. *Chalfant Press Photo.*

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• Lee Robinson of Fresno, a visitor to Inyo-Mono last summer, dips her line in Bishop Creek north of Bishop. Bishop Creek is one of the more popular fishing streams in the area and is fishable throughout its entire length, with the exception of a few miles

between California Electric Power Plants where water fluctuations make it difficult for fish to survive. The middle fork starts at Lake Sabrina; north fork at North Lake; and south fork at South Lake. Creek flows into Owens River. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*

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literally covered with them. Many provide excellent fishing because they are not so accessible to the average fisherman. Upper Lamarck Lake, pictured above, is one of

these fine back-country waters, where most of the anglers get their limits. The Department of Fish and Game regularly plants the lake with fingerlings. *Fraser's Photo.*

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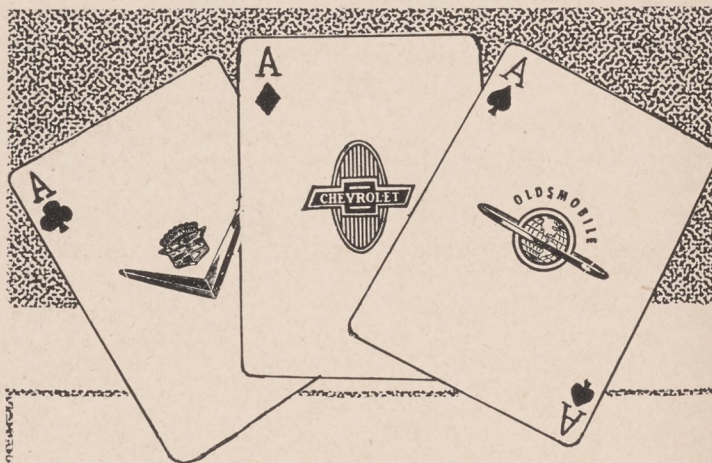
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• Pheasant hunting is also good in Inyo-Mono and one of the principal reasons is the cooperation between the Department of Fish and Game and various conservation organizations. Pictured below is Mark Holderman of the Inyo-Mono Rainbow Club as he releases some of the pheasants supplied by the Department and raised by the Rainbow Club prior to the opening of the hunting season last fall. The club's rearing pens are at Bishop. *Steve Lukacik Photo.*



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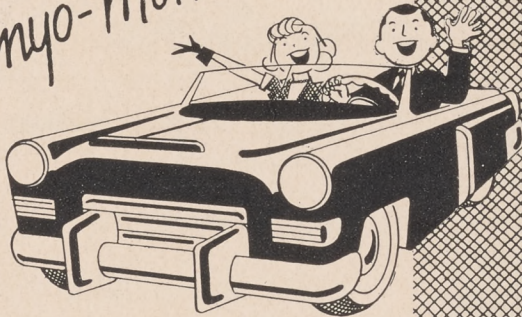
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• Lovers of ancient Indian lore may be interested in the petroglyphs found at Fish Slough north of Bishop. The crude drawings are plainly evident on the rocks, but thus far none of the scholars have been able to decipher their meaning. *Phillips Camera House Photo.*



• You certainly find all kinds of scenery in Inyo-Mono if you go looking for it. Here is a picture of barren beauty that could hardly be surpassed anywhere. Mary Roeser of Tucson, Arizona, is silhouetted on

her horse at the top of McGee Pass as she looks over the sweeping grandeur of the headwaters of Fish Creek far below. Even the horse seems to be enjoying the extra special scenery below. *Steve Lukacik Photo.*

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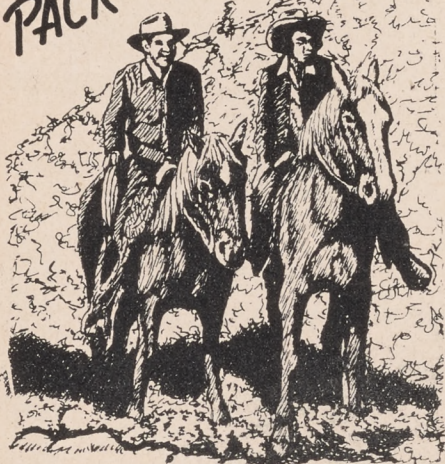
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• A small pond and towering mountains
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Mono Pass and Mono Creek Recesses west
of Rock Creek Lake. From left to right,
they are: Dave Wheeler, Dick O'Mara, R.

J. Plass, Ernie Sill, D. M. Peterson, and
Bob Stewart, all of the Los Angeles area.
Mt. Morgan, Mt. Dade, and Mt. Abbot are
in the background. The trail leads into the
Pioneer Lakes Basin where excellent fish-
ing is the rule. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• Rock Creek Lake is 9 miles west of High-
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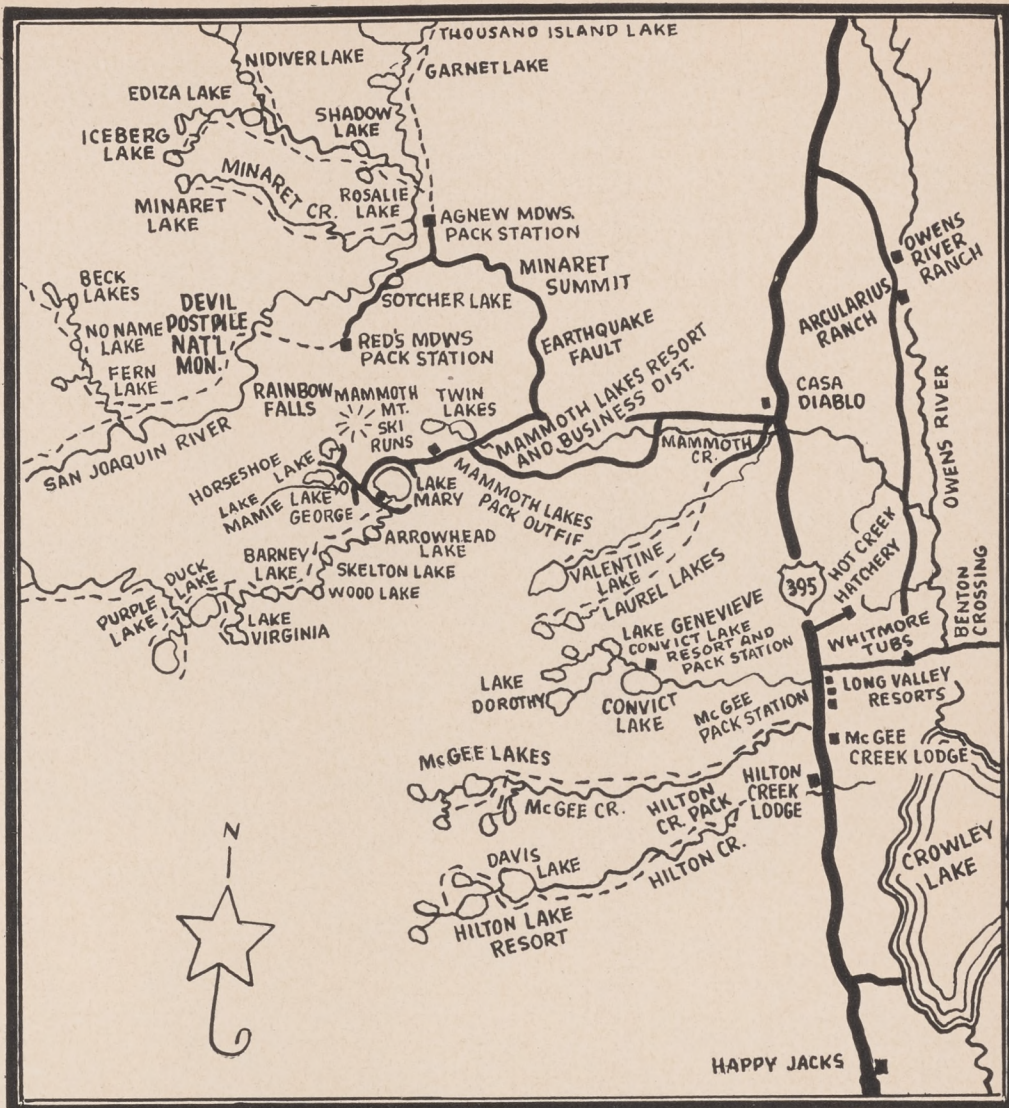
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Opening day is always tremendous on Crowley, and the activity is usually heavy throughout the season which annually extends only through July 31.

The Department of Fish and Game cooperates with Crowley authorities by annually planting it with between 100,000 and 200,000 catchable-size Rainbows.

There are many other good streams and lakes in this area, including Hilton Creek, Hilton Lakes, McGee Creek, and others. Upper Owens River is extremely popular with the anglers who go after the big fish and Convict Lake always provides good fishing. Pack trains serve the area.

The Mammoth Lakes area is one of the most picturesque of all Inyo-Mono regions. There are several good-sized lakes here which provide excellent fishing and incomparable scenery. This region is also quite popular with the campers and thousands of vacationers make use of the public grounds set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service.

Largest of the lakes is Lake Mary. But the others are equally popular, including Mamie, George, Horseshoe, and Twin. Scores of back country lakes and streams can be reached from the area by hiking and by the pack trains serving this district.

All of the Mammoth Lakes are readily reached by good surfaced road and all are planted heavily with catchable-size Rainbow Trout by the Department of Fish and Game. The Mammoth Lakes area is one of the most popular in the High Sierra.

On Preceding Page . . .

• Twin Lakes at Mammoth are pictured on page 67 as the beginning of the Crowley-Mammoth-Upper Owens section of this 1954 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. These lakes always make a beautiful picture. They also provide good fishing for the hundreds of anglers who regularly trek to Mammoth Lakes area for their summer vacation. Catchable-size Rainbow Trout are planted in these lakes annually by the Dept. of Fish and Game. (Frasher's Photo)



• Largest of the Mammoth Lakes group is Lake Mary, pictured above. Its area is 69.5 acres and it provides good fishing from boats and the shore for thousands of people who come here to fish during the season. Between 30,000 and 40,000 "catchables" are planted in the lake each year. *Department of Water and Power Photo.*



• Fishing was good on the Owens River at Benton Crossing on opening day of the trout season in 1953 as the picture above indicates. The three happy fishermen proudly displaying their catch are: Harold Roelen, Redondo Beach; Bert Roelen, Hawthorne; and Gale Bluntchly, Lawndale. Lots of big trout are annually caught in the popular Upper Owens River. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*

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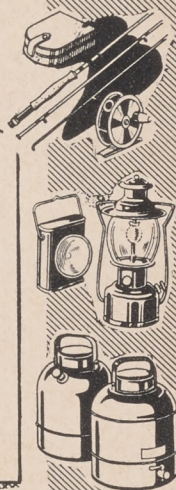
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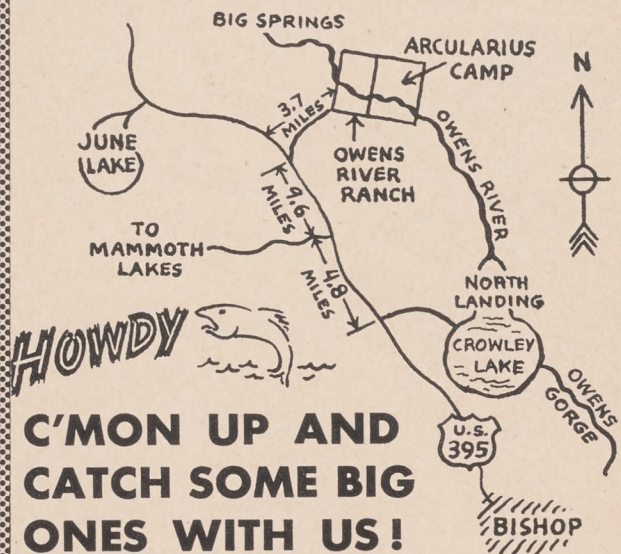


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Crowley-Mammoth Area . . .



• Lake Mamie is another one of the more popular Mammoth Lakes which annually attracts a host of anglers from all parts of the state. It is 11.4 acres and its altitude is

8,800 feet. Fishing is heavy, but the state Department of Fish and Game annually plants between 5,000 and 6,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout to replenish the supply

so often reduced by successful fishermen. The heavily wooded shorelines make Lake Mamie a popular spot. Crystal Crag is in the background. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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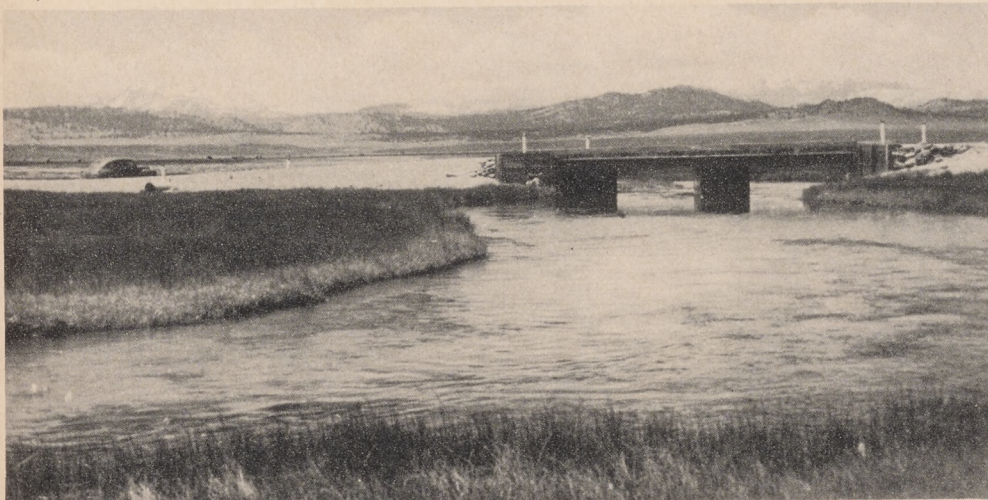
• There's that Crystal Crag again! This time it's towering above Lake George another one of the Mammoth Lakes group. Lake George is always a favorite fishing

spot for thousands of people who prefer the Mammoth Lakes area. It boasts 32 acres and its altitude is 9,060 feet. It is planted with catchables. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Here's a happy fishing party leisurely enjoying their angling on Crowley Lake from a boat owned by Nan and Max's Long Valley Resort. From left to right, they are Nan Zischank, Long Valley;

Gladys Kispert, Long Valley; Dorothy Clark, Santa Monica; Mickie Austin, Inglewood; and Max Zischank, Long Valley. Many of the resorts have their own launches. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• A lot of anglers, who make the annual trip to Inyo-Mono, always fish the Owens River. Known throughout the country as one of the best trout streams anywhere, it

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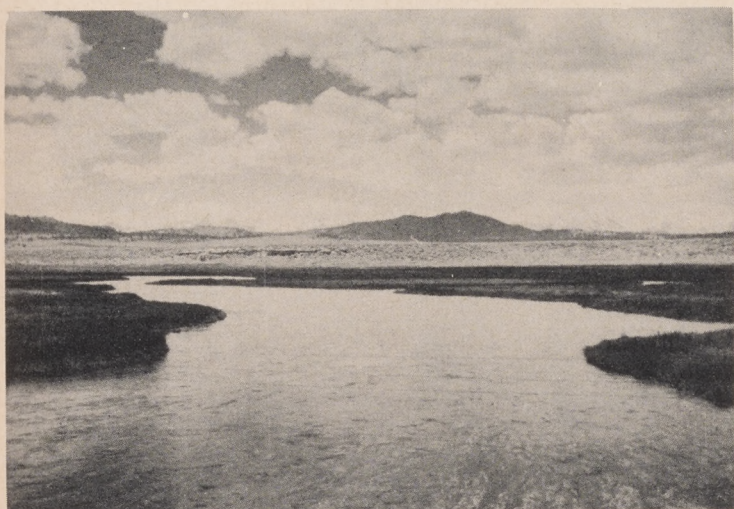
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• Here's Lake Mary again; but this time it's in a different setting. Perhaps the occupants of the canoe look familiar. They're Ann Blyth and Fernando Lamas, movie stars who were featured in Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's remake of "Rose Marie", which was filmed in the Mammoth Lakes area last year. The setting was ideal.



• A lot of you fishermen, especially the fly enthusiasts, will recognize this typical picture of Hot Creek, one of the most heavily fished streams in Inyo-Mono. Anglers go back here year after year because their luck is usually good. The Department of Fish and Game annually stocks this stream with between 30,000 and 50,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Another large Inyo-Mono lake which gets its share of fishing is the famous Convict Lake. Only a few miles west of Highway 395, it is readily accessible by good graded dirt road. Convict Lake is planted heavily throughout the season. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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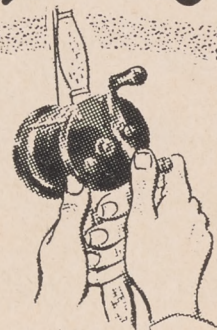
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• Crowley Lake, of course, is probably the most popular of all lakes in Inyo-Mono. Located near Highway 395, both its north and south landings are readily accessible by good surfaced road. It boasts a total of 5,284 acres and some of the best fishing in the United States. It is heavily fished each year, but it is also heavily planted.

Since there's plenty of feed for the fish, many of them grow into tremendous size as the picture below indicates. The Department of Fish and Game annually stocks Crowley with between 100,000 and 200,000 catchable-size Rainbows. It was heavily planted after the season closed last summer. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



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• This is first-class evidence in any court. Gladys and Howard Walker of Altadena are shown with some of the large Brown Trout they caught on Crowley Lake on the Fourth of July weekend in 1953. The one on the extreme right, taken by Mrs.

Walker, weighed 18 lbs. 9 oz. and was easily the largest fish caught in Inyo-Mono last year. In fact, it is the second largest trout ever caught in Crowley Lake. None of the other fish pictured weighs less than 8½ lbs. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• Opening day in 1953 was excellent. The weather was perfect and the fish were "hitting." Feminine anglers did all right for themselves, too, as the above picture indicates. Mrs. David Hoffman, Laguna Beach, left, and Mrs. Douglass Dyer, Lone

Pine, right, display their string of six Rainbow and one Brown Trout, which had a total weight of 12 lbs., to George Marks, who manages the lake for the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. Photo by Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

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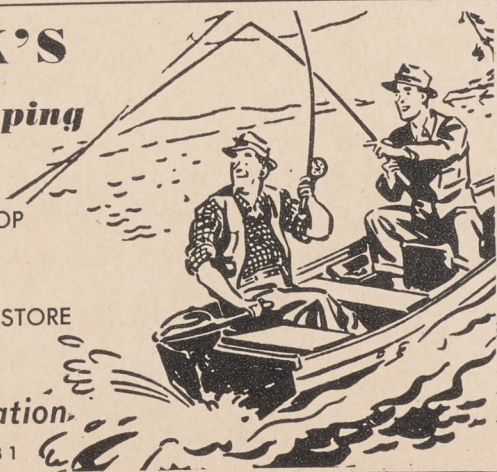
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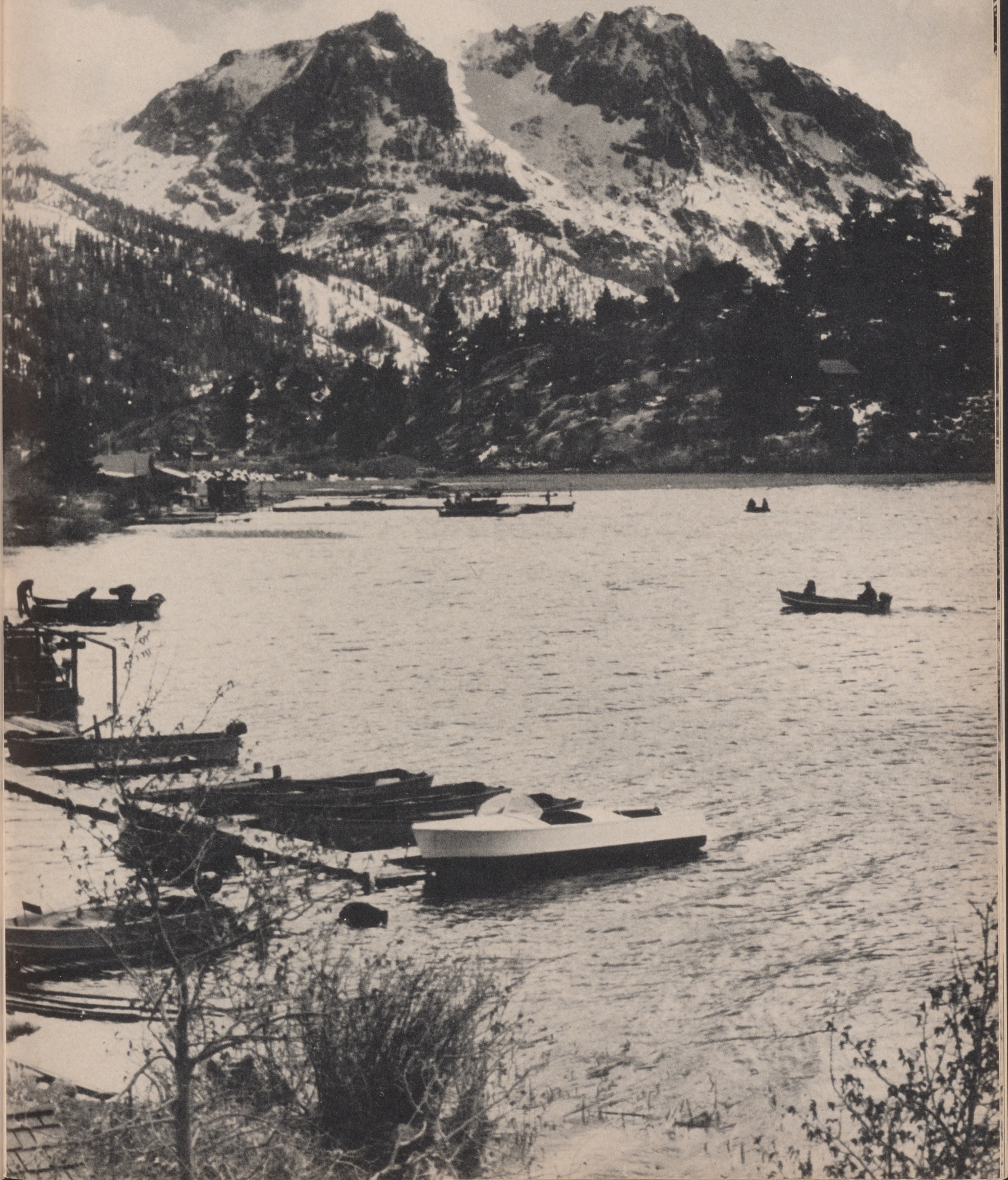
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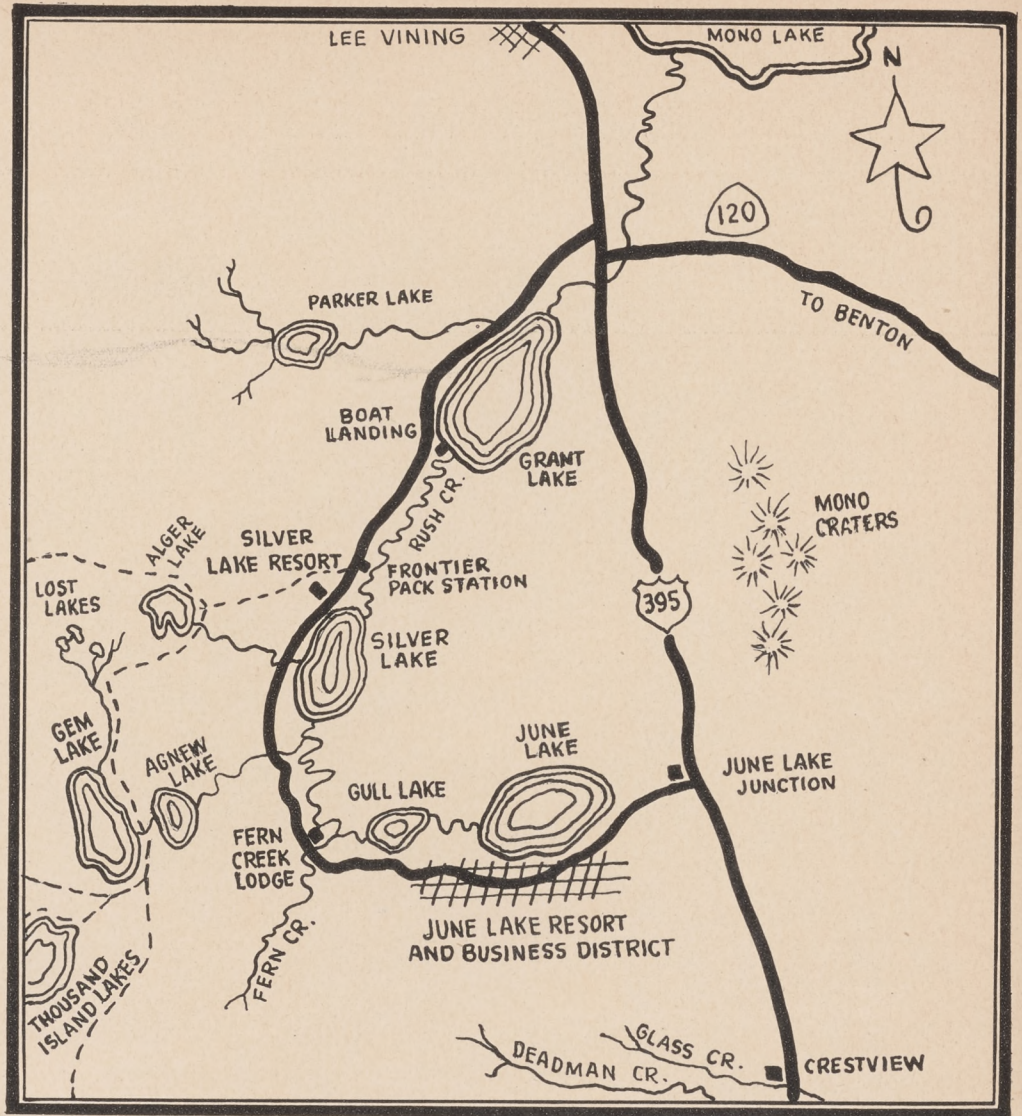
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June Lake Loop Section

The June Lake Loop has long been famous for its fishing and its beauty. The accessibility of the principal lakes and streams by surfaced highway has always made it popular with the sportsmen who invade the area every summer.

Those who wish to visit this area turn to the west from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction and soon find themselves in June Lake Village, a live-wire resort community serving the district. First, along the highway, comes June Lake, then Gull, Silver, and Grant lakes. All are extremely popular with the fishermen and all are heavily planted with catchable-size Rainbow Trout by the Department of Fish and Game.

There are many resorts, lodges, and trailer parks in the area and they all are busy during the summer season. The U. S. Forest Service provides a large number of public camp grounds and these are

annually filled with a large segment of the sportsmen who make their vacation trips to the June Lake Loop area.

Rush Creek is the principal stream flowing through this region and it provides unusually good sport for those who like stream angling. It is heavily stocked with "catchables" during the season.

Scores of high-elevation lakes are scattered through the back country area which can be reached from the June Lake Loop. Many can be reached by hike, but some of the more distant spots which provide excellent fishing, are more easily reached by the Frontier Pack Train which serves this area.

The stores, service stations, restaurants, lodges, and motels in the area are especially active and are always glad to aid the tourists and sportsmen in any way possible. This is truly one of the most popular of all Inyo-Mono vacation areas.

On Preceding Page . . .

• June Lake, one of the most popular lakes in Inyo-Mono, is pictured on page 77, denoting the start of the special June Lake Loop section of this book. Boats at one end of the many landings on the lake are pictured in the foreground as Carson Peak rises in the background. Gull, Silver, and Grant Lakes, as well as several back-country waters, are included in this section of the 1954 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. (Fraser's Photo, Pomona).



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• All of the lakes in the June Lake Loop area are good fishing and Gull Lake is no exception. As you go around the Loop Highway from June Lake Village, Gull is the first lake you pass. Annually it is planted with Rainbow "catchables." *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Silver Lake is one of the most popular of the June Lake Loop lakes. Its campgrounds are always full and those who stay there have ready access to Rush Creek fishing as well as the lakes. It is planted heavily with "catchables." *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Grant Lake is the largest lake in the Loop area, boasting 1,095 acres. Fishing is heavy on this lake where between 65,000 and 70,000 catchable-size trout are planted annually. Boat and shore fishing are popular here; results are good. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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June Lake Loop Area . . .



• Here's a picturesque shot of Rush Creek above Gem Lake in the Loop back country. Rush Creek is good fishing, both above and below the power station. Note the rocky formations through which Rush Creek has carved its way. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Fern Lake is one of the back-country waters reached by trail from the June Lake Loop. Frontier Pack Station, located in the Loop, serves a large area reachable by trail and pack train. Many of these lakes are excellent trout fishing. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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• Agnew Lake is dammed at the lower end to provide a large reservoir for the California Electric Power Station below. It's good fishing, though, and the Depart-

ment of Fish and Game annually plants it heavily with fingerling Rainbows. It can be reached by trail and is not very far from the road. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• This is a more common scene on Rush Creek below the power station. One of the most popular streams in Inyo-Mono, Rush Creek produces lots of fine fish

limits each year. For several miles it runs parallel to the Loop Highway and is readily accessible. The Department of Fish and Game plants it. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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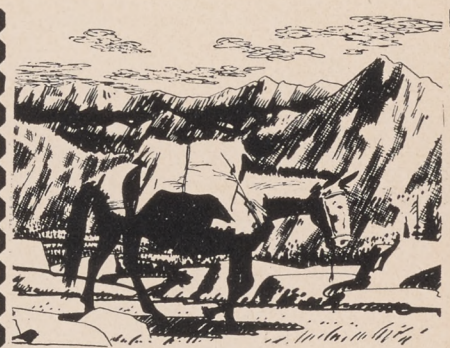
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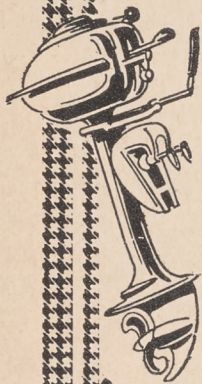
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June Lake Loop Area . . .



• Gem Lake can be reached by pack train from the June Lake Loop and good fishing is always assured to those who make the trip. The lake provides good feed for

its fish and, with the planting of additional fingerlings by the Department of Fish and Game every year, the supply is always very adequate. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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• One look at this picture and you'll readily see why it is known as Thousand Island Lake. The rocky spots protrude out of the surface of the lake in many different

places. But there's good fishing here and the Department of Fish and Game plants it with fingerling Rainbows annually. It is reached by trail. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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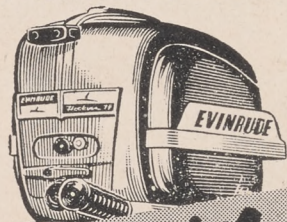
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Lee Vining-Tioga Section

The community of Lee Vining, located north of the June Lake area, is a popular stopping point for fishermen and tourists alike. There are good fishing streams and lakes in the immediate vicinity and others are readily accessible from the Tioga Pass Road which extends across the High Sierra from Lee Vining on the east through Yosemite National Park on the west.

Lee Vining is a lovely alpine village which boasts good stores, motels, service stations, restaurants etc. It has an active year-around population which serves as a nucleus for its greatly expanded size during the summer months when fishing and tourist traffic is at its height.

To the east of Lee Vining is beautiful Mono Lake which is so full of important minerals that it is difficult for marine life to survive. However, it is attractive with

the tourists and the famous Mono Craters nearby are one of the "musts" for sight-seers in the area.

To the north and west is the well known Lundy Lake and farther on north, from Conway Summit, the beautiful Virginia Lakes group can easily be reached by road.

To the west, on State Sign Route 120, is Tioga Pass, gateway to Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite National Park. This route across the Sierras usually opens late in May or early in June and provides a much-shortened route for auto traffic to the Inyo-Mono area from the west. Along this road will be seen Saddlebag Lake, Ellery Lake, Tioga Lake, and many popular fishable streams. And, of course, in Yosemite there are any number of good lakes and streams to fish.

On Preceding Page . . .

• Mono Lake, with Mono Craters in the background, is pictured in an especially beautiful photograph on page 83, marking the beginning of the Lee Vining-Tioga section of this edition of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. Mono Lake, of course, provides no fishing, since the water is full of minerals. However, both the lake and the Craters are scenic attractions and there are plenty of good lakes and streams in the vicinity which provide anglers with excellent fishing during the season. Friendly Lee Vining is close by. (Fraser's Photo).



• Lee Vining Creek, extending west from the Town of Lee Vining, is a good fishing stream. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants between 15,000 and 25,000 Rainbow Trout of catchable size in this stream, which is readily accessible from the Tioga Pass Road. The picture above shows one of its quiet pools. It is popular with campers. *Dept. of Water and Power Photo.*



• Little Virginia Lake, located directly west of Conway Summit, is easy to reach by dirt road. All of the Virginia Lakes group are good fishing and are annually stocked with catchable-size trout by the Department of Fish and Game. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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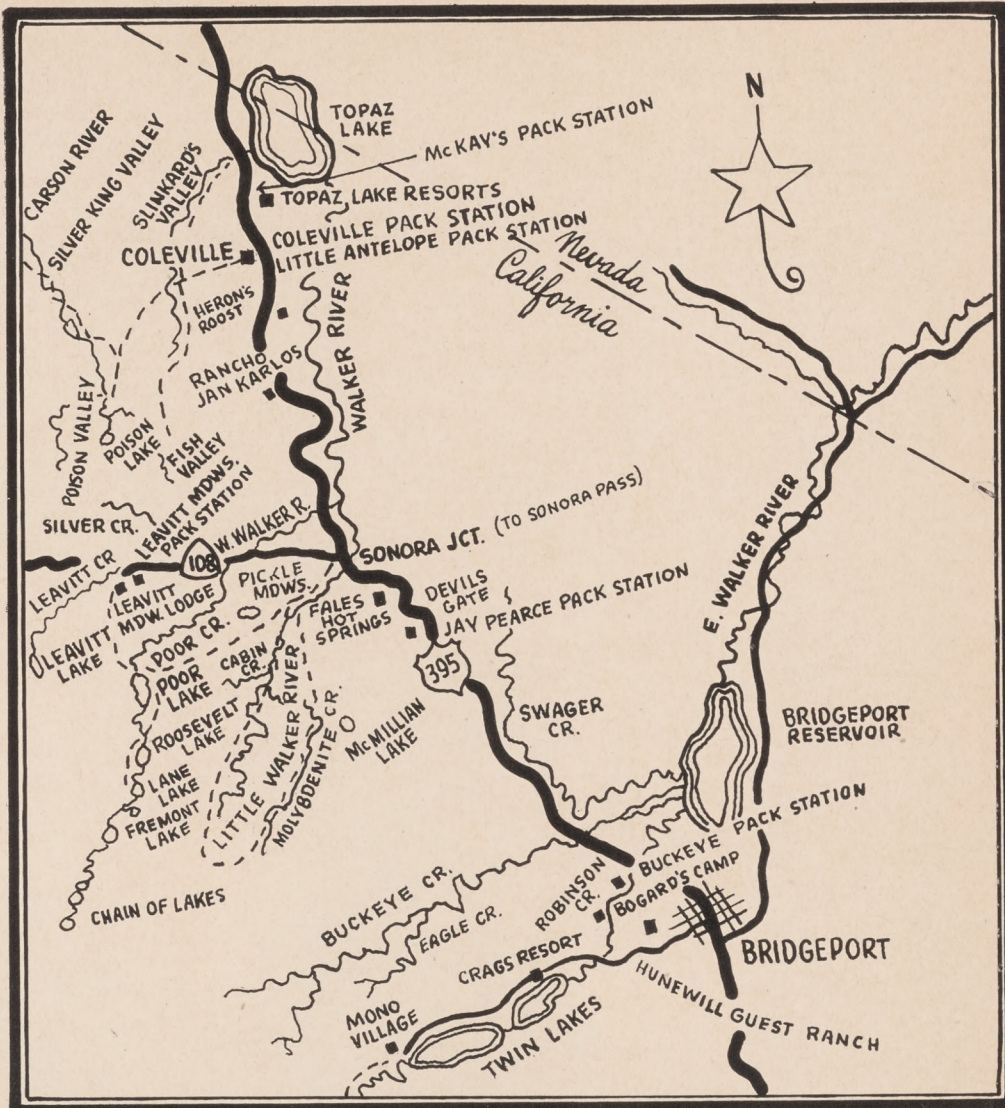
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Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz Section

There is plenty of good fishing in the Mono County area from Bridgeport north through Coleville to Topaz. Deer hunters also like this area and a heavy kill of deer is annually made in the rugged mountainous country. Goose and duck hunting is especially good in this region.

Bridgeport, largest of these communities, is the county seat of Mono County. Its stores, restaurants, hotels and motels, service stations and garages are extremely active during the summer with business provided by the great influx of fishermen and tourists.

Popular fishing spots south and west of Bridgeport are Twin Lakes, which can be reached by road. Bridgeport Reservoir, just three miles north of town, provides top fishing throughout the season and plenty of big trout are caught there.

West Walker River is also considered a good angling stream and hundreds annually fish it because they usually have good luck and because it is so near to Highway 395. Topaz Lake, situated on the Nevada-California State Line, is another extremely popular fishing water, stocked by both states.

East Walker River flows into Bridgeport Reservoir, and then eastward from the dam into Nevada. It has become a hot spot for excellent Brown Trout angling, downstream from the dam.

There are numerous excellent resorts, lodges, motels, and service stations along the highway to accommodate the fishermen and tourists who like to vacation in this part of Inyo-Mono. There are several capable pack stations to take sportsmen into the back-country.

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• Poison Lake, one of the back-country lakes of the area, is pictured on page 89 as the beginning of the Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz section of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. There are lots of good high-elevation lakes and streams in this section of Mono County, but there are also plenty of good fishing areas readily accessible by car. This photograph, a silhouette showing two campers in the area, won the grand sweepstakes award in the 1953 Chalfant Press-Phillips Camera House outdoor photo contest for Tom Henderson, widely known local amateur photographer and sportsman. Henderson lives in Bishop.



★ C. L. WALKER, of Porterville, is shown here with the 9 lb. German Brown Trout caught in October, 1953, which won our 1953 contest for biggest fish.

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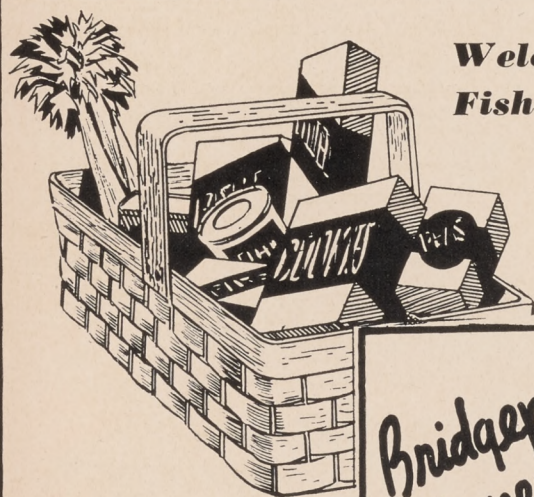
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• One of the most picturesque lakes in Mono County is Lower Twin Lake, shown above. Readily accessible by road, it is one of the most popular lakes for anglers

in the Bridgeport region. Between 30,000 and 75,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout are planted in this lake annually by the Department of Fish and Game and many

of these grow to considerable size in the ideal conditions provided by the lake. Craggs Resort, shown in the background, serves the area. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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• Tuolumne Meadows, located in the eastern part of Yosemite National Park, is one of the most popular areas in Inyo-Mono for fishermen and campers. The

streams abound in trout and there are plenty of good camp sites. The photograph above shows a picturesque bridge across the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne

Meadows which is the northern terminal of the famous John Muir Trail which travels southward along the Sierra Crest to Mt. Whitney. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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• Saddlebag Creek is another popular stream in the Tioga area west of Lee Vining. Never gaining great size, it nevertheless provides good fishing. Towering Tioga Peak is pictured here in the background of this interesting picture. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Here's an interesting view of Mono Lake with the famous Mono Craters in the background. Mono Lake is picturesque, but lacking in marine life; consequently there's

no fishing. It is, however, full of important minerals. The sight of Mono Lake from Conway Summit is one of the most spectacular in Inyo-Mono. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Seems strange seeing these old sailing vessels on Mono Lake, but they were there when "Fair Winds to Java," starring Fred MacMurray and Vera Ralston, was film-

ed by Republic Studios last year. Three of the numerous islands on the lake are pictured in the foreground. Practically the entire picture was filmed on the lake.



• The road sign at the right tells the story here. Saddlebag Lake, at 10,050 foot elevation, is one of the popular lakes high

in the Sierras along the Tioga Pass Road. Eastern Brook Trout fingerlings are annually planted. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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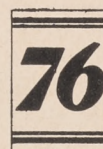
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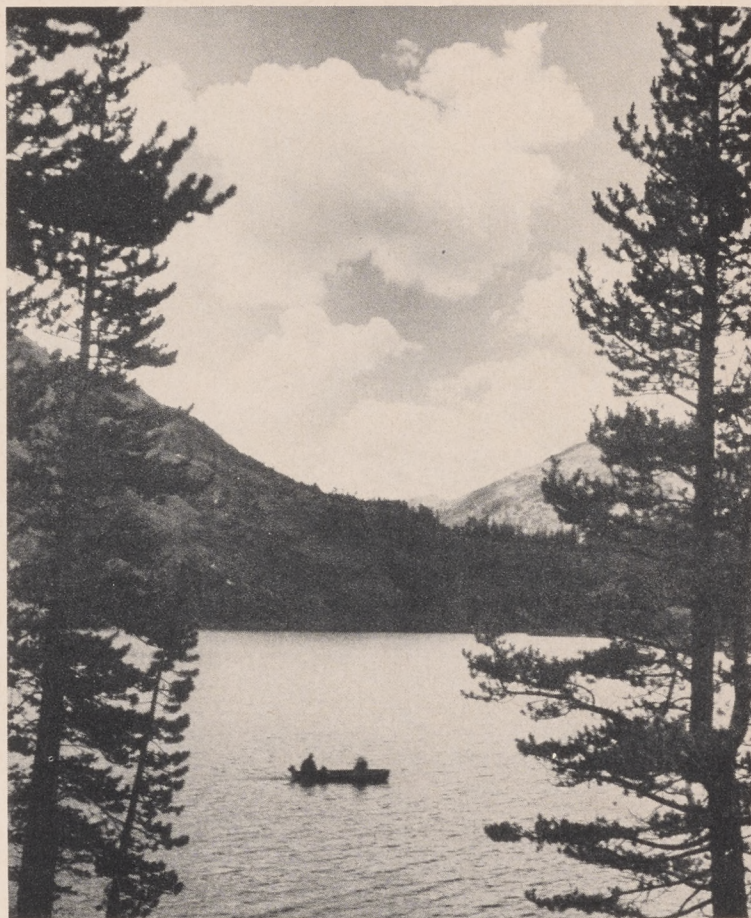
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Lee Vining-Tioga Area . . .



• Ellery Lake is another popular fishing spot in the high country along the Tioga Pass Road west of Lee Vining. Fishing is usually good; and just to keep it that way, the Department of Fish and Game annually plants between 5,000 and 6,000 Rainbow Trout of catchable size. Certainly makes a lovely picture, with the tall trees silhouetted in the foreground. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

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• Tioga Creek, along the State Sign Route 120, gets its share of fishermen every summer. Numerous lakes and streams are located throughout Yosemite National Park, which is accessible from the east on the scenic Tioga Pass road. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*

Bridgeport-Topaz Section

. . . *Pages 89 to 98*





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Bridgeport-Topaz Area . . .



• Two weight limits, taken from Bridgeport Reservoir last summer, are proudly displayed by Guy Rasmussen of Willow Springs Trailer Court (left) and Mr. Baker of Fontana (right). The Reservoir is considered one of the best fishing spots in Mono County and there are lots of big ones, just waiting to be caught.



• A real landmark in Bridgeport is the Mono County Courthouse, pictured above. County offices are housed here. In population, during the winter, Mono county is one of the smallest in the state, but it certainly fills up in the summer. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• The mountains in the background are mirrored clearly in this photo of Bridgeport Reservoir, one of the best fishing waters in Inyo-Mono. Easily accessible by road from Bridgeport, the Reservoir is stocked with 25,000 catchable-size Rain-

bow Trout annually by the Department of Fish and Game. Anglers catch lots of big ones here, too, including Browns. Bridgeport Reservoir spreads over an area of 2,000 acres. Best fishing usually comes early in the season. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Upper Twin Lake is another one of those excellent vacation spots in Mono County. Located southwest of Bridgeport, just a few miles from Lower Twin, it

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Bridgeport-Topaz Area . . .



• If it's good stream fishing you want, you'll probably find it on West Walker River in Northern Mono County. It's readily accessible by road, too, because the highway parallels it much of the way from Topaz Lake to Leavitt Meadows.

The Department of Fish and Game annually plants 75,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout in this popular stream and fishing is heavy. Top anglers catch big ones, too. This portion of the river is near the highway. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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• Scores of lakes, some large and some small, dot the back-country in the area around Bridgeport, Coleville, and Topaz. Most of them can be reached by good

trails and there are several capable packing outfits in the vicinity. The lake pictured above is Poison Lake. It's plenty high in elevation. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• This makes a nice picture and almost any angler would welcome these beautiful trout which Dick Waters of Bishop caught in the Coleville area last summer. All of them weigh between 3 and 5 lbs. The back-country lakes around Coleville provide excellent fishing during the season. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Leavitt Meadows is a beautiful area ideal for the summer tourist. From this popular Mono County meadow, pack trains are available to take anglers to some of the higher fishing lakes and streams. Pickel Meadows, cold weather training base for the U.S. Marine Corps, is located near Leavitt. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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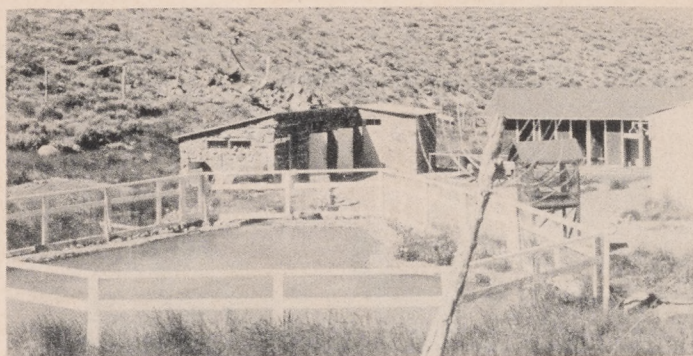
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• The photos on this page tell the story. The white-clad Marines above have learned the use of skis in their plans of attack. The warmly-clad trainees below have made a fire and are cooking their meal while on maneuvers. *Official U. S. Marine Corps Photos.*



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• Fremont Lake, located in the back-country west of Bridgeport, is accessible by trail from Leavitt Meadows off the Sonora Pass Road. It always provides good fishing and many anglers make it a "must" on their annual trip to the High Sierra. The

Department of Fish and Game annually plants Rainbow fingerlings in Fremont Lake, but other species of trout are often caught. And they all run pretty good size, too, because Fremont is good habitat for growing trout. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



• Here's another view of popular West Walker River. Rock strewn and swift in many places, it also has quiet, deep pools where the big fish lurk. West Walker, an important stream in every way, provides

drainage for more than a score of smaller streams and lakes finding their way down from the higher elevations. Fishing is heavy on West Walker River because it is accessible. *Fraser's Photo, Pomona.*



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Bridgeport-Topaz Area . . .



• Topaz Lake, located on the California-Nevada state lines, provides an abundance of good fishing during the season. Since it is situated partially in each state, both California and Nevada Fish and Game Departments stock it. California annually plants 15,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout in this lake and Nevada plants

thousands of Cutthroat Trout fingerlings. Topaz Lake varies in size throughout the season, with an approximate 1,300-acre average. New regulations this year make it legal to fish anywhere on the lake in a boat with either a Nevada or California license. Opening date will be uniform, too. In 1954 the date is May 1. *Fraser's Photo.*



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• Here's evidence of the excellent fishing which prevails on Topaz Lake. Paul Bergman and party from Reno display three weight limits taken on Topaz one day last summer. Big fish are often caught

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